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APPENDIX N

LIAISON WITH AMERICA

From the time (February 1941) that the U.S. authorities concerned provided us with our first B-machine, we enjoyed the fullest possible working liaison with them: first with the Navy Department, and later with SSA, War Department (now ASA). Hitherto unknown sequences were sent from us to them, or from them to us, immediately upon recovery, and settings when obtained for the first time were similarly made available. Over B-machine traffic, too, there was full and complete interchange. If the invaluable part played by the Americans has been little stressed in the latter part of this history, this is only because it was primarily designed to show by what methods the Japanese Diplomatic Section of GC & CS attempted to cope with the various cryptographic problems connected with the exploitation of the B-machine. Lacking such close co-operation with the U.S., our work would have been many times harder: and we incline to believe that the reverse is also true.

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