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Security Equipment  
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Crypt Equipment Panel

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Communications Security Equipment Subpanel, Research and Development Board

1. On 23 February 1949 the undersigned, in the company of Dr. Kullback and Mr. Rosen, attended a meeting in OCSigO, with Colonel Petzing and two other Signal Corps representatives, to discuss the Army position on the establishment of a Communications Security Equipment Panel, Research and Development Board.

2. The undersigned pointed out the Army position as previously defined in correspondence from the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army and Chief of Naval Operations. Colonel Petzing stated that he did not feel he was bound by the content of this correspondence and that he acted as an individual; however, he stated he felt that a separate Panel under the Electronics Committee would meet with his approval.

3. The proposed charter for the Communications Security Equipment Panel was discussed with Colonel Petzing, and it was his decision that when the charter was taken up at the next meeting of the Electronics Committee, Research and Development Board, Mr. Rosen would be called upon to discuss our proposed changes.

4. Mr. Rosen brought up the question of membership on the Communications Security Equipment Panel after it is formed. Since there are two Army members, the ASA position was that both members should be ASA personnel, and the Signal Corps should have an associate membership. Under this condition, the Army Security Agency would withdraw its membership from the Communications Panel and change it to an associate membership. Colonel Petzing did not agree with this stand, stating that Research and Development Board Panels were supposed to have as broad a base as possible, and that he felt that one of the two Army members on the new Panel should be Signal Corps. This matter was not finally resolved since memberships on Research and Development Panels are handled through Logistics Division.

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