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BRUSA COMSEC CONFERENCE

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEES A AND B

SUBJECT: Item for discussion in Conference

1. a. Par. 4j of JCS 2074/5, dated 9 Aug 1950, reads as follows:

"1. Comparable British and U.S. cipher machines, whenever practicable, should use physically interchangeable rotors."

- b. Par. 6 of the memorandum sent to the British as a result of the decision in JCS 2074/5 reads as follows:

"6. The U.S. Chiefs of Staff further propose that, so far as practicable, comparable British and U.S. cipher machines use physically interchangeable rotors. The 7-rotor BSM rotors are of the same size as those in the CCM (CSP 1700). Such standardization would permit emergency issue of rotors by either country to the other, if necessary."

2. It is desirable that the foregoing proposal be explored by the conferees of Subcommittees A and B, and of any working groups thereof in which discussion of this matter is pertinent.

3. Recommendations arising from such discussions will be included in final reports of working groups and subcommittees.

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