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FILE NO.	SUBJECT Digest of Staff Conference, 17 November 1953
TO Chiefs of Offices and Staff Divisions	FROM C/S DATE 23 Nov. 1953 COMMENT NO. 1

1. CHIEF OF STAFF

Opened the conference by stating that the primary objective of the "Digest of Staff Conference" is to highlight important topics of discussion and assist the Chiefs of Staff Divisions and Offices to follow up projects presented in a developmental stage.

2. ADJUTANT GENERAL

Advised that memorandum designed to implement the directive eliminating the RESTRICTED classification has been prepared for publication.

3. LOGISTICS

Reported that action has been taken to remove, through modification, security hazards found to have existed in the construction of certain Remington-Rand combination-lock cabinets.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Stated that a strong effort was being exerted to expedite the movement of the new cable terminal equipment to London by military air transport.

5. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY

a. Reported that the AFSAY D804 has been successfully tested locally for ship-to-shore communications by Joint Task Force 7.

b. Referred to the 19 persons reporting for duty at VHSF and added that further increments would be added between now and 3 December 1953 to increase this group to 45 people.

c. Announced that the 30 deficiencies listed for the AFSAM-7 were being removed as quickly as possible and that the last 3 were expected to be eliminated by the manufacturer by 1 January 1954.

6. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, ADMINISTRATION

Recommended that all Chiefs of Offices and Staff Divisions be directed to exercise a high degree of care in the selection of Responsible Property Officers (RPO) and to comply with the Logistics directives pertaining to indoctrination of RPO's by the Logistics Division.

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7. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, PLANS & OPERATIONS

Commented that at a recent USCIB meeting, the Director had recommended USCIB Directives Nos. 6, 9, and 12 be incorporated into one to cover all aspects of communications security. Noted, however, that in the interim, the Director had approved USCIB No. 6 in principle.

8. TRAINING

Reported that the preparation of the technical film is on schedule and is expected to be ready about 1 March 1954. Noted that the overall cost was \$25,000, only \$5,000 of which is NSA's share.

9. LEGAL ADVISOR

Discussed the legal rights of authors to "copyright" their books, etc., prepared in connection with official duties but not as a requisite of such duties, and made particular reference to employees of NSA. Offered to provide further explicit information upon request.

10. PERSONNEL

a. Commented upon the proposed visit by representatives of FERS to a large metropolitan company in an effort to study and determine the reason for the success of their morale and recreation program.

b. Outlined briefly a few conditions of the Contingency Benefit Option Action as it applies to officers in the military service who are about to complete 18 years' service prior to 1 April 1954. Added that further information would be forthcoming following a study of the subject.

11. SUSLO

Requested that SUSLO be advised approximately 30 days in advance of any visit planned to the UK, to include the objective and length of stay of the visitor concerned.

12. HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

Remarked that sheds were planned for construction around the six cooling towers of the air-conditioning machines in NACH PROC Division to permit continued operation throughout the year.

13. COLLECTION

Reported that a COLL representative was dispatched to New York to observe the operational efficiency of the "undulator" tape under working conditions to determine its value to NSA.

14. EXPLOITATION

a. Advised that NSA-90 would be the first PROD Division to move to Fort Meade on the interim move next September. Noted that approximately 1400 persons

would be involved in 90's move and that the number of personnel from other NSA elements, in support of NSA-90, would increase this figure to 200 at this time.

b. Stated that AFSS has established two intercept sites for the purpose of investigating the unusual activities in a major target country. Reported that action has been taken by NSA to provide AFSS with bi-weekly reports of traffic received -- screened and reviewed for operational value. This action is a milestone along the road toward NSA's furnishing a front-line experimental unit, with direct technical support, based upon our extensive resources.

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