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SUBJECT: U.S. and British Collaboration on Combined Cipher
Machine Development

TO: Chief of Naval Communications
The Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

1. As a result of conferences held early this year between United States and British representatives concerning the development of Combined Cipher equipment, approval was requested from the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army to collaborate with the British:

- a. In the improvement of the Combined Cipher Machine.
- b. In the development of a low echelon cipher machine for combined use.

This collaboration was contingent upon the establishment of a set of Combined Communication Security Regulations.

2. Attention is invited to Inclosure 1 which is a copy of the Summary Sheet prepared for the Chief of Staff. It will be noted that the recommendations were approved subject to SWNCC approval.

3. Action was taken by the Army Security Agency to submit the recommendations to SWNCC and a copy of SWNCC approval is attached as Inclosure 2.

4. With reference to the Combined Communication Security Regulations mentioned in paragraph 1 above, informal action is being taken between appropriate representatives of the U. S. Army and Navy to prepare a set of security regulations acceptable to both services. At such time as an informal accord is reached, action will be taken to obtain a formal agreement.

2 Incls

1. Cy S/S w/incl, subj
as abv, dtd 24 Apr 47
2. Cy SWNCC memo, subj
as abv, dtd 12 Jun 47

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