

31 Jul 58

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT. Classification of "German Military Ciphers from February to November 1918"

1 As you requested, Mr Mathisen of this office contacted Mr Eugene B Power, president, University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on 30 Jul 58, to discuss captioned matter Mr Power was informed that the purpose of the visit was to determine the circumstances surrounding his procurement of a microfilm of the book in question and the manner in which the microfilm has been used. He was assured that the seizing of material was not intended

2 Mr Power was cordial and cooperative He explained that the company had embarked on a new venture recently, the reproduction of out of print publications by a microxerox process As a result of attendant publicity, Mr Howard T Oakley, 899 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, submitted a microfilm of the book, "German Military Ciphers from February to November 1918," with a request for a reproduced copy Mr Oakley contended that the publication was unclassified and the microfilm had been obtained from the Library of Congress

3 Three copies of the book have been produced Company policy is to print copies only as orders are received, no stocks are maintained The company has one copy of the book, one was sold to Mr Oakley and one was purchased by a Mr David Kahn who submitted his order under the letterhead of "Newsday," Garden City, Long Island, New York Copies of two letters from Mr Oakley, dtd 1 Apr and 10 Apr 58, respectively, and one letter from Mr Kahn, dtd 13 May 58, concerning the purchases of the reproductions of the book were furnished by Mr Power and are inclosed

4 Efforts were made to induce Mr Power to voluntarily give up the microfilm and the company's copy of the book The matter was not pressed when Mr Power appeared reluctant to do so He felt that Mr Oakley should be contacted first However, Mr Power agreed not to produce any more copies of the book The company copy was marked "classified CONFIDENTIAL " The microfilm and copy are being stored in the company vault

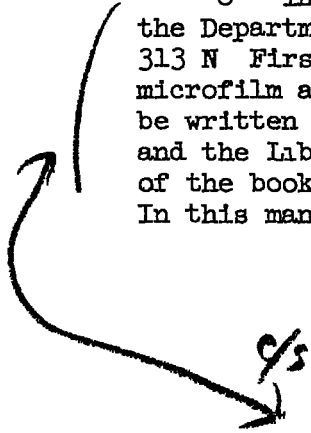
5 For your information, Mr Power is a consultant to this Agency (CREF). He has been granted a TOP SECRET and Cryptographic clearance and has been indoctrinated for COMINT. University Microfilms has held SECRET Facility clearances in the past and is presently negotiating a classified contract with the Navy

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6 Mr Power stated he would comply with any request made of him in this matter by the Department of Defense

7 Efforts to locate the copy of the document in question missing from the Library of Congress were successful on 29 Jul 58 This copy, number 182, contains the notation on the title page that it was declassified 1 Nov 55, on authority of a letter from the Army Security Agency, dtd 26 Oct 55 A review of library files disclosed a letter written on that date to Mr Paul Barry, Chief, Serials Division, Library of Congress, by George A Temme, Jr , Lt Col , Acting AC of S, G-2, Headquarters, ASA, relative to the classification of "German Military Ciphers from February to November 1918." This letter stated in part: "Subject book was downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED as directed by paragraph 3, Department of the Army Circular 127, dtd 23 Dec 53 Additional copies are not available However, there is no objection to your reproduction of copies as required to fill your needs "

8 In view of these developments, I suggest that the AG request the Department of Defense write Mr Power at University Microfilms, 313 N First Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to have him submit the microfilm and copy of the book in question Similarly, letters should be written by the Department of Defense to Messrs Oakley and Kahn and the Library of Congress informing of the proper classification of the book and requesting their copies be turned in to the Department In this manner, undue involvement of NSA is prevented



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