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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL and ADMIRAL KING:

Subject: Signal Intelligence.

1. The Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board met on 21 August and considered the proposals by General Marshall to Admiral King on signal intelligence dated 18 August 1945. The Board reached unanimous conclusion:

(a) That it is advisable to combine Army and Navy intercept, cryptographic and cryptanalytic activities under appropriate joint direction;

(b) That collaboration with the British be continued and extended as determined by proper authority to be in best U.S. interests; that Signal intelligence agreements and commitments with the British must be determined finally on a governmental level;

(c) That the signal intelligence relationships with the Chinese now in effect under the SACO agreement should be continued only as long as the arrangement is advantageous to the United States and it can be maintained without embarrassing reciprocal commitments.

(d) That fullest advantage should be taken of the presence of U.S. occupational forces in Europe and the Far East to establish and maintain any further world intercept coverage considered necessary.

(e) That agreements between Army and Navy concerning exchange and dissemination of intelligence remain in effect until merger is effectuated.

(f) That cryptanalytic activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation be limited to criminal activities in the U.S. and its possessions.

(g) That OSS, Treasury, and FCC be excluded entirely from cryptanalytic activities. Customs and immigration cryptanalytic requirements will be met by the merged cryptanalytic unit.

(h) That when BOURBON reaches stage for dissemination, it be disseminated as joint Army-Navy product and that after merger of Army and Navy signal intelligence activities are effectuated all results be disseminated as joint Army-Navy product.

(i) That ANCIB prepare and submit to General Marshall and Admiral King recommendations for action to accomplish the above.

2. RECOMMENDATION.

That the above conclusions be approved as a basis for the preparation of implementing papers by ANCIB for subsequent submission to General Marshall and Admiral King for decision.

Signed/M 22 Aug

HERBERT THEBAUD,
Chairman,
ARMY-NAVY COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD.

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