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MEMORANDUM TO ALL ANCICC SUBCOMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Merger of Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Activities

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2. ANCICC has directed that the information in Enclosure A be brought to the attention of all subcommittees in order that they may direct their future planning accordingly. As yet no special reports or studies concerning the merger are required of the subcommittees by ANCICC. However, anticipation of problems to be met is encouraged, and any recommendations resulting therefrom should be forwarded directly to the Subcommittee on Merger Planning.

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2. Your subcommittee is responsible for all joint planning in connection with the merger in accordance with policy principles established by ANCICC. You are authorized to utilize all subcommittees to assist in your planning and to direct and coordinate their planning for the merger. The other subcommittees of ANCICC will be directed to study the merger problems within their respective fields and to submit their recommendations to you.

3. The following policy principles agreed upon by ANCICC are supplied to assist you in planning the merger:

a. The ultimate aim is a prompt and complete merger of Army-Navy intercept, cryptographic, and cryptanalytical units under ANCIB in so far as is practicable.

b. The central merged Army-Navy organization will be located on one reservation. Locations are to be surveyed for a site which will meet all communications and other requirements and will provide the maximum in protection and security for operations. Several possible locations are to be recommended in the order of preference. If a site outside of the Washington area is recommended, preference is to be indicated also for either one of the two sites--Arlington Hall or the Naval Communications Annex--now available within the Washington area.

c. There will be a joint Army-Navy ULTRA information center from which all results will be disseminated to authorized recipients as a joint product.

d. Priority is to be given to a consideration of the selection of a site for the merged organization.

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4. An initial report on paragraph 3d above is to be made to the secretariat of ANCICC at the earliest possible moment, but no later than 8 September 1945. Further reports can be made in conformity with Section III of ANCIB's Organizational Bulletin No. I.

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