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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subject: The Navy's interest in the processing of intercepted foreign, non-military communications.

Reference: (a) DNC Memo for SecNav, Serial 000110320 of 24 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Original of reference (a) with enclosures thereto.

1 The attached memorandum for the Secretary of the Navy on the subject of the Navy's interest in the processing of intercepted foreign, non-military communications has been referred to me for comment or recommendation.

2. My comment has been withheld pending a meeting of the Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board at which it was hoped some agreement could be reached regarding a closer coordination of effort.

3. However, no definite decision was reached by the members of ANCIB at their recent meeting, concerning a workable closer coordination between the two services in the communication intelligence field.

4. General Marshall and I are in accord in the belief that the present coordination of our signal intelligence activities can be improved, but we have not yet been able to work out a solution which is satisfactory to both services. I have directed the Navy members of ANCIB to continue their efforts.

5. With respect to the subject of the attached memorandum, I have proposed to General Marshall that the processing of non-military and non-naval traffic should be jointly undertaken. I believe that we are in agreement with the Army concerning the neqessity for this, but not as to the manner in which this should be accomplished. The Army favors a complete merger of our cryptanalytic units and facilities under one director whereas the Navy, desirous of insuring its control of the production,

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evaluation and dissemination of Naval operational intelligence essential to Naval command, does not favor a complete merger but would rather effectuate the desired results by joint effort under joint direction.

6. I agree with the summarization made by the Director of Naval Communications in the attached memorandum, that: (a) the Navy must have an equal interest and share in processing foreign, non-military traffic, (b) such work is essential to adequate peace time training and the maintenance of technical proficiency.

/s/ E. J. King
Fleet Admiral, U.S. Navy

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