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SUBJECT: Billeting Requirements for NSA Enlisted Women at Fort Meade

TO: Chief, Army Security Agency
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Chief of Naval Operations (OP 30-G)
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1. With the approach of the forthcoming move of this Agency to Fort George G. Meade, it has become necessary to plan for billeting enlisted women. I have made arrangements for the renovation of a group of buildings to provide billeting, messing, administrative and other necessary space for enlisted women. However, before the work starts, I must ascertain our requirements accurately enough to insure sufficient facilities for our needs, and at the same time, to insure that we do not renovate buildings which we will not utilize fully.

2. I feel it is desirable that enlisted women be retained in the cryptologic effort as a nucleus for expansion in the event of an emergency, and that enlisted women be retained as part of the NSA staff. For guidance in planning, the skills required should be primarily in the administrative, communications center, and crypto operator areas.

3. I would appreciate, within 30 days, a statement of the number of enlisted women you will maintain at Fort George G. Meade, on a continuing basis commencing 1 January 1957 to include both those working at NSA and the overhead personnel, so that I may conclude the final preparations for the necessary renovation of buildings.

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