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From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

To: Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific.
Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas.
Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas.
Island Commander, GUAM.
Officer in Charge, Joint Communication Activities, GUAM.

Subject: Correlation of Radio Intelligence Activities, Forward Area, Central Pacific.

References: (a) Cincpac - Cincpoa Top Secret Ser. 000469 of 29 June 1944.
(b) Cincpac - Cincpoa Top Secret Ser. 000793 of 9 September 1944.
(c) Cincpoa Top Secret Despatch 280535 of December 1944.

1. Reference (a) enunciates the basic policy for correlation of radio intelligence activities in the forward area. Reference (b) designates Commander L. S. Howeth, U. S. Navy, as the representative of Cincpac and Cincpoa in supervising this correlation.

2. Currently established in the forward area are one (1) Navy and four (4) Army radio intelligence units:

(a) U.S.N. Supplementary Radio Station "A".
(b) U.S.A.A.F. Eighth Radio Squadron Mobile.
(c) Second Signal Battalion, U.S. Army S.I.S.
(d) 130th R.I. Company, U.S. Army Ground Forces.
(e) Detachment of 111th R.I. Company, CinC, SWPA.

3. In order to correlate the functions of the above listed activities in the collection and exploitation of such enemy radio traffic as is of immediate local interest and which is capable of being analyzed and processed in the field, an amalgamation of certain components of these units into a joint communication analysis group in the forward area was directed by reference (c).

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4. The mission and functions of this group, which is known by the short title "RAGFOR", are stipulated as follows:

(a) To examine all enemy radio traffic intercepted locally by any of the above listed Army, Navy and Air Force units in accordance with their respective missions and directives.

(b) To select from this traffic any material pertinent to the local analysis of enemy operations in the immediate forward area, particularly with respect to enemy air operations.

(c) To process, decrypt, and exploit by means of correlation with traffic analysis, voice intercept, and direction finder bearings, any enemy low level cryptographic systems capable of being processed in the field with cryptographic aids which may be furnished by the Army or Navy communication intelligence organizations.

(d) To furnish to the designated evaluation and dissemination agency all items of information produced by the above analysis which are of immediate local importance.

(e) To furnish a complete report of all results of local analysis to the Army and Navy communication intelligence organizations at Washington and on Oahu by appropriate channels.

5. Pending further consideration of the methods and agency to be used in the evaluation and dissemination of the above information, it was directed in reference (c) that "RAGFOR" temporarily include the necessary communication intelligence center for this purpose.

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