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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, U.S. FLEET AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Subj: The continuation and development of Communication Intelligence.

Ref: (a) VCNO Conf Memo for Cominch and CNO of 23 August 1945, Op-20-4 Ser 04920, (SC)P14-2.

Encl: (A) Top Secret-Ultra Memo of DNC for VCNO of 21 August 1945, Op-2 lmd, Ser 000805520.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for your personal attention. The post war program for Communication Intelligence which it projects has the strengest and most vigorous support that I can give. I am aware of your own constant recognition of the immeasurable importance of this activity to the defense and protection of this nation. It is clear as stated in the basic memorandum , that scientific progress during the war, in the development of new weapons and new techniques in Communications and cryptanalysis, makes it more imperative than ever that the strength of the United States in Communication Intelligence be given every ounce of support needed to insure its post-war continuation and growth. Constancy and continuity of scientific research in this field, in particular, must not be neglected.

2 Reference (a) presents a typical problem with respect to Communication Intelligence personnel, which must be solved and solved promptly to preserve for this activity indispensable and irreplaceable technical specialists. Routine and general policies and procedures will not serve in the case of this unique activity. It is not desirable that the peculiar and special requirements of Communication Intelligence should have to be constantly explained, defended and justified in view of the highly classified character of all phases of Communication Intelligence.

3 The security and very life of the nation depend upon the continued efficiency and success of the operations in question. It is most urgently recommended, therefore, that the post-war program outlined in the basic memorandum be given your personal, active and always effective support.

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4. It is further specifically recommended that:

The Secretary of the Navy be informed of the basic memorandum and advised of the absolute necessity of this project, to the end that it may receive complete Departmental support at all echelons of authority.

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Vice Chief of Naval Operations