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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER:

Subject: Signal Intelligence.

Reference: (a) Your Top-Secret Ultra Memo of 12/8/45.
(b) My Top Secret Ultra Memo of 11/8/45.

1. I regret that you feel it appropriate to defer further action upon mutual problems of the Army and Navy communication intelligence activities pending result of a study by the State-War-Navy Committee as to the advisibility of the formation of a Central Intelligence Agency.

2. You are correct that reference (b) imposes limitation upon joint effort in the field of communication intelligence, but only to the limited extent therein stated. It is essential for the Navy to retain under its control those communication intelligence functions paramountly related to naval operational requirements and the exercise of naval command. This is true regardless of the extent of joint effort by the two services and, likewise, regardless of the extent of control which may otherwise be exercised over the field of intelligence generally by any interdepartmental joint intelligence agency which may be created.

3. It has been the consistent hope of the Chief of Naval Operations, as expressed in reference (b) and in former memoranda on this same subject, that joint discussions continue with due regard for the above mentioned limited restriction. I still feel that this should be done. Should you, however, as stated in reference (a) still wish to defer further action upon our mutual intelligence problems until the final result of the study by the State-War-Navy Committee, I reluctantly concur.

C W Nimitz

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