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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL:

Subject: Signal Intelligence.

Reference: (a) Top Secret ULTRA memo for General Marshall and Admiral King from ANCIB, dated 22 August 1945.

1. There appears now to exist some misunderstanding between the Army and Navy members of the Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board and the Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Coordinating Committee as to the intended scope of those portions of reference (a) which speak of merger, and the proper form for their implementation.

2. In order to clarify the Navy's intent and understanding with respect to those parts of reference (a), and implementation of the conclusions there stated, the following basic principles were, and are, inherent in my approval of reference (a):

(a) That there should be effective coordination and integration of Army and Navy communication intelligence activities, with free interchange of technical information, and joint evaluation and dissemination of strategic, non-operational intelligence.

(b) The Navy must maintain complete and independent control of the production, evaluation and dissemination of naval operational intelligence.

(c) The Navy's physical facilities for the production of communication intelligence cannot be consolidated into a single physical unit with Army signal intelligence facilities.

3. It is believed that mutual recognition of these principles, which are essential elements of naval command policy, will eliminate any misunderstandings with respect to reference (a), and will expedite the recommendation to us of procedures for its implementation.

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