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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

EO 3.3(h)(2)

PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

SUBJECT:

1. The Turkish Ambassador recently made a formal request to the Department of State for assistance in acquiring automatic cipher machines for use in communications between the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Turkish diplomatic representatives abroad. The request was referred for comment to the Director, Armed Forces Security Agency, through the U.S. Navy member of the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee [S-D MICC]. A copy of the correspondence is attached as an enclosure.

2. Two cipher machines are currently authorized for NATO use, the British Typax, Mark II, and the Combined Cipher Machine, in both the U.S. and the British versions. The CCM will be provided for Turkish forces in NATO; therefore, the cryptographic principles of the CCM will be known to the Turkish government.

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SUBJECT: Release of the Combined Cipher Machine (CCM) to Turkey
for Diplomatic Communications

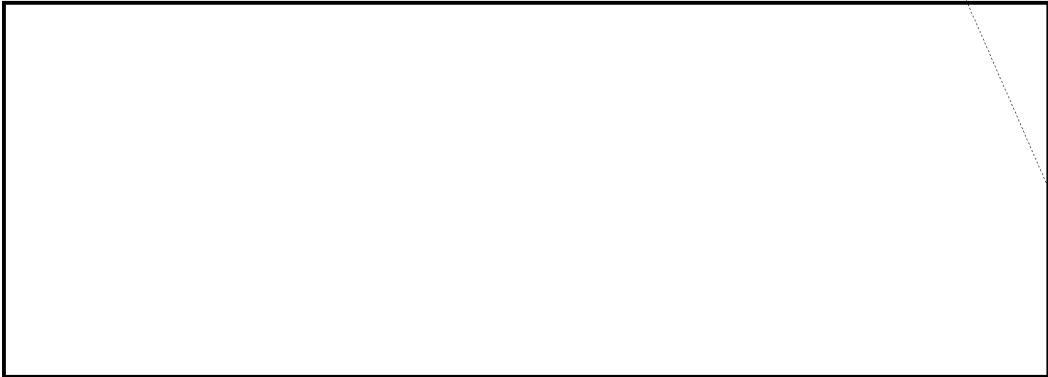


4. A distinct impression has been conveyed by the Turkish representatives in Washington that the Turkish government is prepared to seek assistance elsewhere in the event the U.S. declines to furnish the cipher machines requested. Other sources to which Turkey might turn are summarized below.

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a. The  government might be approached with a request similar to the one made to the U.S. If, however, the U.S. decides not to provide Turkey with the assistance requested,



Turkey could turn to commercial producers of cryptographic equipments.

b. The most prominent commercial producer of cipher machines is the Hagelin Cryptograph Company of Stockholm, Sweden. Since Turkey is now using one of Hagelin's machines, there is a good possibility that Turkey would try to purchase some of his equipment. Mr. Hagelin has developed a new line of

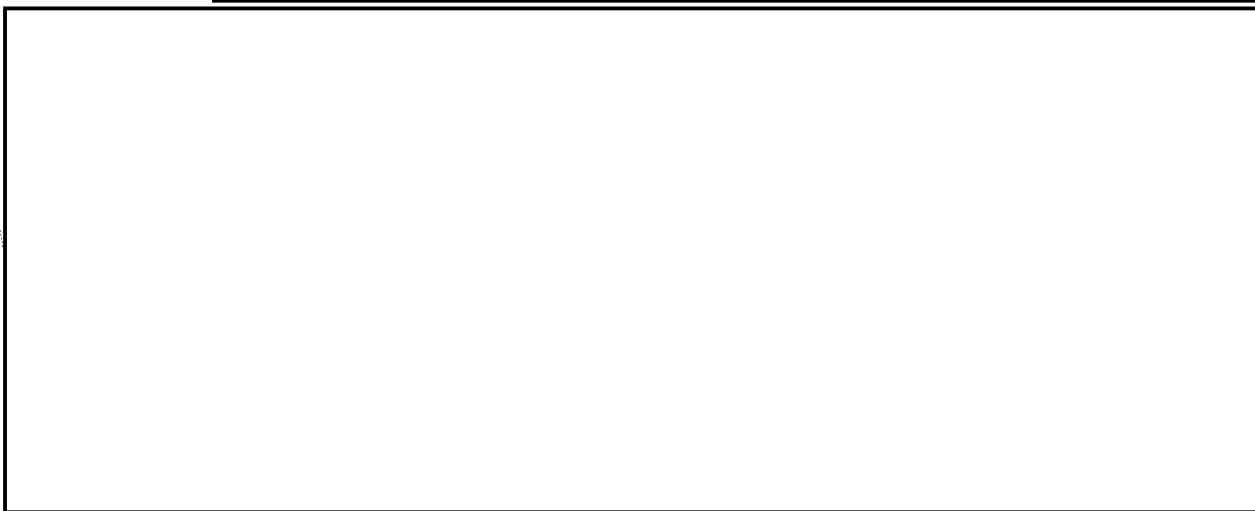
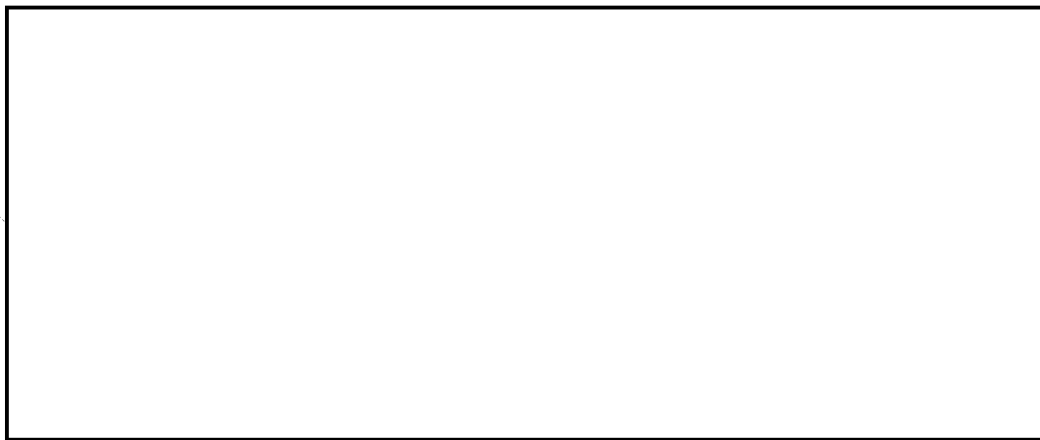
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cipher machines. Prototypes or drawings of these new equipments have been examined by technical experts of the Armed



6. The USCIB Coordinator recommends that USCIB:
 - a. Concur in release of the CCM to Turkey.
 - b. Authorize the Coordinator in his capacity as Director, AFSA, to inform the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee of its decision.
 - c. Inform the London Signal Intelligence Board of its decision (Enclosure).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, LSIB

SUBJECT: Release of Cipher Machines to

I have been directed to inform you of the following decision by
USCIB:

The Turkish Ambassador recently approached the U.S. Department of State for assistance in acquiring automatic cipher machines for use in communications between the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Turkish diplomatic representatives in foreign countries. The matter was referred to USCIB for comment and USCIB has recommended to U.S. authorities that the U.S. version of the recently improved but current Combined Cipher Machine be approved for release to the Turkish government.

Enclosure

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