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SUBJECT: Release to Turkey of Cryptographic Device

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. The Turkish ambassador has formally requested the State Department's assistance in acquiring a number of automatic ciphering devices for use in communications between the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Turkish diplomatic representatives in foreign countries.
2. The Navy member of the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee has been charged with the coordination of this problem.
3. The CNO has requested AFSA for comments as to what cryptomaterial could be made available to satisfy this requirement.
4. AFSA's reply states that:
 - a. From a security standpoint either the CCM or the British Typex Mark II, Simplex are suitable for the use intended.
 - b. The CCM is over committed for NATO use.
 - c. The availability of the British Typex Mark II, Simplex is unknown.
 - d. The lack of specific information as to quantity requirements precludes firm recommendation.
5. The security weaknesses of the CCM are recognized as well as the operational disadvantages of HERMES and the lesser operational disadvantages of LUCIFER. However, no other machine can be made available in time to satisfy this requirement.

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