

SUBJECT: Requirements for Administrative Telephone System at Fort Meade

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1. The key to this problem seems to rest in par. 12 of inclosure to Comment 1. This limits the use and states the primary purpose of the proposed "black" system. I concur in this proposal with the qualification that the "red" system be designed to meet all requirements for internal calls.

2. In reference to the intended line capacity of the "black" exchange, and assuming that the terms of par. 12 will be fulfilled, it is recommended that the initial and ultimate line capacity be planned to leave several lines to each external trunk unassigned so that, in the event of national emergency, or certain types of sabotage, responsible NSA offices could have additional lines immediately available if required.

3. As to whether the "PAX" should be government owned and operated or privately owned and operated under contract, it is felt that closer control over the system can be maintained if it is owned and operated by the government. If all other factors indicate that it should be privately owned and operated under contract, it is recommended that the contract be written in a manner to protect NSA against the possibility of strike, the assignment of uncleared operators and maintenance personnel, and the inability to take over the operation if deemed necessary.

4. In general, I concur in the specimen set of requirements, with the qualifications contained herein.

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