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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (MANPOWER)

SUBJECT: Cryptographic Supplement to the DOD Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information (U)

1. The Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information has been published by the Department of Defense to provide guidance to commercial contractors for the safeguarding of classified information. Section IX of this manual provides that special instructions supplementing the manual may be issued by the contracting officer for any specific contract pertaining to cryptographic equipment.

2. At the present time there exists no over-all guidance to the commercial contractor for the establishment of minimum physical security standards for the handling and safeguarding of cryptomaterial and cryptographic related material (COMSEC material). Each Service has developed its own criteria, with subsequent differences in standards and methods, for commercial contractor accounting, storage, handling, and safeguarding of cryptomaterial based upon criteria prepared by the National Security Agency in such publications as KAG-1/TSEC.

3. In order to provide commercial contractors of all departments and agencies with the same minimum physical security standards for the handling and safeguarding of cryptomaterial and related material (COMSEC material), the National Security Agency has developed the inclosed proposed Cryptographic Supplement to the DOD Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information.

4. Although the Inclosure is unclassified, from this Agency's point of view no useful purpose would be served by disseminating the information in it to those who have no need to know. We therefore recommend that it be published as a

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cryptographic supplement to the Manual rather than as an expansion of the present Section IX. We recommend further that distribution of the supplement outside of the Government be limited to contractors and potential contractors who may have classified COMSEC information to protect.

5. The proposed supplement has been discussed informally with Mr. Robert L. Applegate of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower). Further information about it may be obtained by telephoning Mr. Philip W. Ide, Extension 60677.

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Vice Admiral, USN  
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cryptographic supplement to the Manual rather than as an expansion of the present Section IX. We recommend further that distribution of the supplement outside of the Government be limited to contractors and potential contractors who may have classified CTSSEC information to protect.

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M/R: The proposed supplement has been discussed informally with Mr. R. L. Applegate, Assistant SECDEF (Manpower) on 3 January 1961 who suggested it be forwarded in its present form for study and comment. The supplement has been coordinated with Mr. William Lowe, SEC, and has been passed as UNCLASSIFIED by Mr. F. B. Rowlett, S/Asst.

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