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National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

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TO: Chief, United States Army Security Agency, Arlington Hall Station,
Arlington 12, Virginia

1. The National Security Agency has reviewed the report of survey of [redacted] and the United States Army Security Agency proposals presented in basic correspondence.

2. It is agreed that USASA should establish an effort against [redacted] As requested in paragraph 11b of basic correspondence, that portion of OPINS-10 which relates [redacted]

3. The review of the [redacted] has convinced this Agency that the [redacted] should be encouraged to develop a separate, independent and self-sufficient capability, initially one position, [redacted] with responsibility for collection, dechannelling, transcription, translation and reporting. Action to implement this decision is presently underway. Also in progress is a project to improve the scope and quality of the [redacted] capability.

4. The limiting factor of linguistic capabilities must be overcome before a fully effective effort can be mounted against these communications. The National Security Agency does not agree with the proposal to utilize [redacted]

on a temporary basis. An earlier informal suggestion that USASA might employ [redacted] is also considered unacceptable because of security considerations. As an interim measure, until such time as the USASA can develop a satisfactory transcription capability in the [redacted]

5. It is suggested that an early meeting between members of USASA and NSA be scheduled to discuss possible resolutions of the problem and

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to explore areas in which this Agency can be of assistance. Arrangements for these discussions may be made by contacting Mr. D. C. McDonald, ACOM-04, Secure Telephone Extension 4379.

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