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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, U. S. COMMUNICATIONS
SECURITY BOARD

SUBJECT: Lebanese Request for COMSEC Equipment (S)

It is requested that the inclosure be circulated to the
Members, USCSB, for information.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Robert P. Halloran

ROBERT P. HALLORAN
Colonel, USAF

Director of Operational Services

Incl:
Memo for Members,
USCSB (35 cys)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD

SUBJECT: Lebanese Request for COMSEC Equipment (S)

1. The U.S. Army Attache, Beirut, Lebanon, recently received a request from that country for "CODEX", a manual cryptographic device. In forwarding the request, the U.S. Army Attache suggested that the M-209 or VENUS were what the Lebanese had in mind.

2. It is considered that the request does not meet any of the criteria in COMSEC 2-/23, dated 12 August 1957. The Department of the Army has been notified that the CODEX device is obsolete and no longer available and a request for the M-209 or VENUS does not meet the criteria in COMSEC 2-/23.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. H. Frost", written over a grid of dotted lines.

L. H. FROST
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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M/R: The U.S. Army Attache forwarded a Lebanese request for the manual cryptodevice CODEK through ACSI, at the same time suggesting that the Lebanese might have been thinking of the M-209 or VENUS. ACSI was advised that CODEK was obsolete and not available and that release of the other material meets none of the criteria of COMSEC 2-/23. This letter advises the USCSB of the request and the action taken.

A. L. Ingalls for
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