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From: G.C.H.Q.

To: S.L.O. WASHINGTON.

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We discussed the proposal for use of members of the T.S.W.G. at an informal meeting on October 13 attended by FRIEDMAN, AUSTIN, STUKEY, ZELLER and two representative of the Foreign Office. The following record of conclusions we reached has been drawn up in consultation with FRIEDMAN who will be telegraphing separately to N.S.A.

2. AUSTIN explained that the State Department considered it essential for there to be an intermediate stage between the approach to PARODI and the technical talks, so as to provide an opportunity for the U.S. and U.K. to reject any member of the proposed French team for the technical talks whose security appeared doubtful. There was full agreement that such a stage was desirable.
3. On the other hand it was agreed that the technical competence of the French team was no less important than their personal reliability for the success of the technical talks, and that we did not at present know enough about the French set-up to tell whether we would be giving them an awkward problem of internal liaison if we insisted on making the preparatory arrangements with a french member of the T.S.W.G. It was explained that the U.K. would probably prefer the preparatory arrangements on their side to be made by a representative of G.C.H.Q. rather than a member of the T.S.W.G.
4. The meeting concluded that the U.S. and U.K. were in agreement as to the purpose and utility of the proposed preparatory talks between the approach to PARODI and the technical talks. However it was not essential and might indeed be prejudicial to this purpose for each government to be obliged to appoint as its representative at the preparatory talks a member of the T.S.W.G. If any or all of the three governments found it convenient to be represented by a member of the T.S.W.G. there could equally be no objection.
5. When the U.S. - U.K. preliminary work at the technical level was far enough advanced there would thus be three stages:
 - (A) The two Ambassadors suggest to PARODI that the three governments should consult on communication security: If PARODI agrees they ask him to nominate a suitable representative to make arrangements for the technical talks.
 - (B) The representative nominated by PARODI meets the U.S. and U.K. representatives to exchange information about the proposed teams for the technical talks and to ensure

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adequate physical security arrangements for the talks. At this stage each government has an opportunity to satisfy itself as to the competence and personal reliability of the technical delegates proposed and if necessary to raise objections.

- (C) The talks between the French, U.S. and U.K. technical experts take place.

6. This programme seemed to the meeting to satisfy both U.S. and U.K. views and requirements subject to the preparation of an agreed brief for the U.S. and U.K. representative at stage (B) above. Please report as soon as possible whether it is acceptable in WASHINGTON. If so, we suggest that in order to save time the brief for stage (B) should be drafted in LONDON in consultation with the U.S. members of the WASHINGTON working party now here.

7. Please pass a copy to Director N.S.A.

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