To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: Lieutenant Colonel Goodrich

1. Attention is invited to the attached communication from the State Department requesting the issue of four M-134-A cipher machines.

2. Through informal contacts with the Navy, this office has been informed that the Navy Department will furnish two HCM cipher machines to the State Department for use in Istanbul, Turkey. These machines will be available in approximately thirty (30) days.

3. At the time the State Department requested this equipment for Istanbul, they also requested two (2) HCM cipher machines for Madrid, Spain, which the Navy Department refused to issue for security reasons.

4. In view of the above, it is recommended that the four M-134-A's not be issued to the State Department for the purposes set forth in the basic communication.

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