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We cannot ignore the work which has recently been carried out in various countries to solve the JAPANESE codes. Army and Navy authorities at the Central Headquarters have decided to (change?) the code. We expect perfect code security. However, --2U-- counter measures have numerous disadvantageous features.

Although the Central Headquarters is also investigating "fundamental counter-measures," we want you to pay immediate attention to the following points. We expect perfect code security. Please make absolutely certain that nothing occurs which would be harmful to our national welfare.

1. Have the rooms in which secret (?documents?) are received and kept always watched by JAPANESE. Furthermore, permit only JAPANESE to enter and leave these rooms.

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This sheet of paper and all of its contents must be safeguarded with the greatest care. Utmost secrecy is necessary to prevent drying up this sort of vital intelligence at its source.
2. Prohibit telegram work outside of especially designated telegram rooms.

3. Permit only JAPANESE to see the texts of telegrams which have been decoded or which are to be encoded, regardless of the contents of the message. Particular care must be given to the handling of the original texts of telegrams requested by civilian officials. Moreover, the encoding of official texts and texts received from foreign sources is to be carried out, so far as code districts permit, by means of the "B" random. ("C" random).