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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Visited OSD M&P (Lt Col Reppa) in company with Colonel Smellie to discuss security classification of certain signal corps publications which Mr. Freidman desires to use, or quote from, in a book he is writing. NSA decision to disapprove Mr. Freidman's request was based upon DOD 5200.1 dated 8 July 1958 which states (Part 6 II A) "all material directly related to cryptographic systems which was previously classified Restricted - Security Information is upgraded to Confidential -----." The CSO, in a letter to NSA, stated that, in his opinion, the matter was in the cognizance of DIRNSA.
2. Colonel Reppa advised that DOD 5200.1 dated 19 November 1953 contained virtually the same statement, that is: (VI A) "all material related to cryptographic systems now classified Restricted-Security Information is upgraded to Confidential" (under scoring supplied). Thus, it is Colonel Reppa's opinion that documents relating to crypto systems which had been declassified prior to 19 November 1953 were not affected by either DOD and remain Unclassified. It is his further opinion that all such publications which were classified Restricted Security Information on 19 November 1953 should now be classified "Confidential" and should not be released for public consumption. He believed that NSA action in disapproving Mr. Freidman's request was justified, and, even if we did approve, he believes the NS should then be presented to SecDef prior to release.
3. Colonel Reppa also stated that, since both DODs have been distributed to the Services, the proper classification and protection of the affected material was their responsibility for any copies held by them.
4. Colonel Reppa expressed some surprise that these publications were held by Mr. Freidman.
5. I informed Colonel Reppa that NSA intended to discuss the matter of University of Michigan reproducing material from one of the volumes with the proper officials at the University.
6. Colonel Smellie concurs in this M/R.

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