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SUBJECT: Release to Turkey of Cryptographic Device

TO: Chief of Naval Operations  
The Pentagon

Reference: CNO Ser 002510P32, 29 May 52, w/Enclosure thereto

1. The reference requested comments as to what cryptomaterial could be made available to Turkey for use in communications between the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Turkish diplomatic representatives in foreign countries.

2. The Armed Forces Security Agency considers that from a security standpoint either the Combined Cipher Machine (CCM) or the British Typex Mark II, Simplex, is suitable for use to satisfy this requirement.

3. With respect to availability of the CCM, this equipment is already committed for use in NATO military communications. Further, the estimated NATO requirements far exceed the number of CCMs in existence. Inasmuch as this Agency has no jurisdiction over the British Typex Mark II equipment, no statement as to availability can be made.

4. In the interest of over-all communication security, the Armed Forces Security Agency is interested in assisting in the solution to this problem. However, in the absence of information with respect to the exact quantity of equipments required, firm recommendations cannot be made. It is suggested that you determine the quantity of equipments required and furnish this information to this Agency. It is conceivable that if the requirement is sufficiently small, agreement may be reached between the UK and US to divert CCMs for this purpose.

5. Inclosure 1 to the reference is returned as requested.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

/s/Alfred R. Marcy  
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Chief of Staff

Inclosure - 1  
Copy Chairman, SD-MICC  
Memo of 30 Apr 52.

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