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SUBJECT: Communications Security Assistance for South American Nations ~~(S)~~

TO: Chief of Naval Operations
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

- REFERENCES:**
- (a) CNO Message DTG 081609Z July 1960
 - (b) CNO Message DTG 2,2045Z July 1960
 - (c) CNO Message DTG 161901Z Aug 1960
 - (d) COMSEC 2-/23, Subject: USCSB Policy Governing the Disclosure or Release of Communications Security Information or Material to Friendly Foreign Governments, dated 12 Aug 1957

1. Reference (a) stated a Navy requirement for crypto-capability between the CNO and CNOs of various South American Countries and requested one-time tapes be released to satisfy the requirement. Reference (b) amended reference (a) to include the release of one-time pad systems. Reference (c) requested the status of the Navy request.

2. The Navy request to release one-time tapes and one-time pads to



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Declassified and approved for release by NSA on 03-14-2014 pursuant to E.O. 13526

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3. In view of the above and [REDACTED]

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M/R: The Navy requested the release of one-time tapes and pads to various South American Countries to secure CNO to CNO communications. The DIR/CSEC after consultation with PROD in accordance with NSA Reg 90-8 and in spite of the fact that PROD reserved its position pending further study of the implications of the proposed action, recommended that the material be released. This recommendation is consistent with the USCSB policy towards South American nations and [REDACTED] approved by COMSEC 2-34/4, dated 7 Oct 1960.

[REDACTED] CSEC re-evaluated the matter and, considering that PROD had not established a sound case upon which to base disapproval, reaffirmed to OPS and the D/DIR the original CSEC position that the material should be released to meet a justified operational requirement. The matter was subsequently referred to the COMINT Committee

SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED

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Information not to be released
to foreign nationals or their rep-
resentatives.

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which agreed unanimously that the

requests, the Executive Secretary of the USCSB is being furnished a copy of this correspondence. Coordinated with Lt Col Burn, OPS.

Mr. G. H. Fralley/CSEC-04/2129/22 Nov 60/df

Added M/R: CSEC doesn't concur on the grounds that insufficient data is available to the DIR/NSA to form an opinion at this time; further, it appears to CSEC that the stimulation estimate of the SIGINT Community is at least tenuous if not exaggerated. NSA will probably have difficulty in supporting this decision if the Navy appeals the rejection.

Mr. P. E. Neff/DIR, CSEC/2303/22 Nov 60/df