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TO: S/ASST (Mr. Friedman)

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1. Although DS-616 does not furnish enough details for a definite judgment, it would not be surprising if the information quoted in Comment No. 1 should prove to be valid. Two systems are known which might have provided the basis for the low opinion of American codes.

a. FOX code used by the Constabulary Forces, which we have evaluated as insecure in July 1954. (1st Ind to GAS51 413.46, 28 Jun 54; NSA serial 0805, 8 Jul 54)

b. Low-echelon M-209 usage, about which we have received many reports of insecurities,

2. From a telephone conversation with Col. C. Helland of ASA, it is understood that Constabulary Forces may devise codes of their own which may be insecure. A request for details of such codes is being sent to ASA.

3. A series of questions has been forwarded to PROD for passing to NSAEUR, the answers to which should clarify the situation.



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