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25 October 1946

SUBJECT: Utilization of War Department Cryptosystems by State Department Agencies

TO: Director, Army Security Agency, Europe  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Attached is a copy of a letter recently received from the Office of the Military Attache, Dublin, Ireland, dealing with the receipt of messages for the American Embassy, Dublin which are encrypted in War Department cryptosystems, and requesting that action be taken to advise certain transmitting agencies to utilize State Department facilities when sending such classified messages.

2. Inquiry of the State Department, Washington indicates that State Department cypherographic systems are commonly held with the American Legation, Dublin, Ireland, by the American Embassy, Paris, and the Office of the Political Advisor at Berlin and Frankfurt.

3. It is suggested that your office contact the Office of the Foreign Legation Commissioner, Paris and the Office of Military Government, New Germany, Berlin, with the suggestion that messages from State Department agencies for other State Department offices be enciphered in State Department systems when such systems are available. If the encipherment is a military agency, or if the use of a military attache system would greatly expedite handling of the message in cases where expeditious handling is essential, the military attache system might be used.

4. Attached is a copy of first indorsement to letter from Office of Military Attache, Dublin, Ireland.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Office of the Military Attache  
American Legation, Dublin, Ireland  
7 October 1946

SUBJECT: Cryptographic Messages for Other Government Departments.

TO : Director of Intelligence, ID, WDGS, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Recently the volume of incoming cryptographic messages for the State Department in War Department systems received by this office pertaining to matters with which this office is not concerned has increased to the point where the normal functioning of this office is being severely handicapped.

2. The following is a recapitulation of recent messages for the Legation, this station, which were by necessity decoded by the undersigned:

a. Received on 26 September classified message for American Embassy, Dublin from the Office Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Paris on 24 September thru Western Base Section, Paris on 25 September, thru London on same date; 154 groups (no date time group); time required to decode - 3 hours.

b. Received on 1 October classified message for American Embassy, Dublin from Office Military Government, United States, Berlin, on 28 September, thru Frankfort on 30 September; 171 groups; time required to decode - 3 hours.

c. Received on 5 October classified message for American Legation, Dublin from OFLC, Paris on 4 October thru London on same date; 131 groups (no date time group); time required to decode - 2 hours.

d. Received on 7 October classified message for American Embassy, Dublin from OMGUS, Berlin on 4 October thru Frankfort on same date; 170 groups; time required to decode - 2½ hours.

3. Contents of messages indicate that further classified messages to this Legation will be forthcoming from senders indicated above.

4. It is realized that under Section IV, par 48b of AR 380-5, messages for other departments of the Government may, when necessary, be cryptographed in War Department Systems. However, it is believed that in each of the cities from which the above messages originated there is a State Department Message Center equipped to handle classified messages to this station, namely:

a. Berlin - Office of the United States Political Adviser on German Affairs.

b. Frankfort - American Consul General Office.

c. Paris - American Embassy.

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5. It is requested that due to the small staff on duty in the OMA in this Legation, the senders of the above messages be requested to utilize U. S. State Department facilities in sending classified messages to this Legation.

/s/ K. R. Kreps  
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Military Attache

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Intelligence Division, WDCS, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.,  
25 October 1946

TO: Office of the Military Attache, American Legation, Dublin, Ireland

1. Reference request contained in paragraph 5 of basic letter, the attached copy of letter to Director, Army Security Agency, Europe is forwarded for your information.

\* It is considered that the course of action outlined in this letter will relieve the unfavorable situation which has developed in your office. If, however, such does not occur, it is requested that this office be immediately advised so that further corrective action may be initiated.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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Subj: Utilization of War  
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