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MEMORANDUM

From: OP-20
 To: OP-32 (Attention OP-32D2)
 Subj: Conversation with British Representative concerning
 Cryptographic Devices
 Ref: (a) JCS 927/40

- W. S. W.*
1. A British representative is now in Washington and desires to discuss with a U.S. Navy representative, various cryptographic devices, and possible improvements thereto, which are of interest to both the U.S. and the British. It is believed that similar conversations are desired by the British representative with U.S. Army representatives.
 2. Paragraph II (b) (6) of the reference classifies cryptography and cryptographic devices as non-releasable information. However, non-releasable information is further defined in par I (d) of the reference as that military information which is primarily under the control and jurisdiction of the U.S. armed forces, or of primary interest to them.
 3. Since the desired conversations are concerned with matters of interest to both the U.S. and the British, it is believed that there should be no objection thereto. It is further believed that the U.S. can contribute to the discussion to the same extent as the contribution made by the British representative. It is also the intention of the U.S. Navy representative to invite U.S. Army representatives to participate in the U.S. Navy discussion with the British.
 4. As required by the referenced JCS policy, approval by the Military Intelligence Committee of SWNCC, of the procedure outlined in paragraph 3 above, is requested.

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(Request in Paragraph 4 above was approved by SWNCC
 as per Commander Gunther, OP-32's office.)