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21 Sept 49

Memo for Gen. Clarke:

- 1. Herewith memo containing information for your own use in connection with AFCIAC meeting scheduled for 22 Sept re SIGABA release.
- 2. If this paper is going to be used officially, I think it ought to be signed by somebody else -- preferably yourself -- for the reason that my motives in preparing it might be subject to question.
- 3. If the paper is going to be <u>circulated</u> some revision might be in order -- a few simple changes.
- 4. Wenger told me yesterday, during my visit at Naval Hospital that (1) he clearly remembers showing Tiltman the ECM in his own quarters in Navy Dept on Constitution Avenue; (2) he was <u>directed</u> to do so by Adm. Redman, orally via telephone; (3) he does not remember why the director ordered it be done or even if there was any explanation of the sudden change in policy; (4) he remembers that I was with them, had been given authority orally also to join in demonstration to Tiltman, and that we then went to Navy code center where TYPEX was shown to me.
- 5. Further careful study of Inclosures 4 and 5 shows that Navy technicians (Safford & Smith) recommended disclosing ECM to British after the CCM had been developed and approved as a plan for Combined communications but before mass production of the CCM was begun. They felt it was a question of saving time -- if ECM were released, the matter of Combined communications could be solved by early spring 1943; but if ECM could not be released and production of CCM started, it would involve 12 to 18 months delay before CCM system could be made effective -- a very important point, it proved to be!!

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