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MEMORANDUM TO: Officer In Charge, Army Communications Branch

1. A conference on the subject of joint U.S. and British cryptographic systems for use by land forces has been requested by Pay Commander Wilson (British) with a tentative date 2:00 PM Monday, May 25th.
2. At the present time the U.S. Navy is working on an attachment to the 134-C which will make possible the enciphering and deciphering of material handled by the British type X machine. It is not feasible for the British to use the type X machines for the deciphering of material sent in our 134-C. In view of the fact that the Navy is progressing with this project and the distribution of the type X is analogous to our distribution of the 134-C, down to and including divisions, this attachment appears to be a ready solution to high command intercommunications enabling us to maintain our own cryptographic security by using the 134-C without this attachment.
3. Below division, the British have very little to offer comparable in cryptographic security, ease of operation or speed with the M-209. The M-209 has been discussed previously for joint air operations. Its inclusion in any discussion for land operation will not be presenting any information to the British of which they are not at the present time aware.
4. It is further desired to discuss our tentative Combat Code as a medium for the exchange of information between the two forces.
5. Authority to discuss our cryptographic systems for joint operation is believed highly desirable and such action is recommended by the Signal Intelligence Service.

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