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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SECURITY AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

GAS24

5 SEP 1951

SUBJECT: Surplus Disposal of M-209() Cryptographic Equipment

TO: Director
Armed Forces Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: AFSA-COT

1. Attached herewith is copy of directives and correspondence to indicate that the responsibility for the Department of the Army disposition of M-209() has been established. Further that all possible action to prevent sales of M-209() on civilian surplus markets has been taken.

2. In view of the Department of the Army position and the action shown by the inclosures, information copies are inclosed for any appropriate action deemed necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF, ARMY SECURITY AGENCY



5 Incls.

1. Cy OM to AGofS, G-2
2. Cy WARX 98567
3. Cy WARX 98568
4. Cy DF 1, P&D Serv
13 Jan 47 w/incls (2)
5. Msg OCSigO 14 Aug 51

THOMAS J. BEE
Lt. Colonel, AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: ACOFS, G2 DATE: 5 SEP 1951

FROM: Chief, Army Security Agency

SUBJECT: Surplus Disposal of M 209(), Cryptographic Equipment

1. Reference Comment #2 from OCSigO, file SIGDB (7 Aug 51) dated 17 August 1951, subject as above.

2. Information received from the OCSigO indicate the Army has taken every appropriate action to prevent sale of the M-209() cryptographic equipment. However, since the M-209() now observed on the civilian markets are probably the residue of the Air Forces M-209() surplus declaration and sale, this matter is no longer considered a responsibility of the Army.

3. The Air Forces Security Service Liaison Office located in Room 5B 478, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., was queried informally as to Air Forces directives on the disposal of M-209() and, as far as is known by them, no directives exist. The Air Forces Liaison Office does not concur in the measures of precaution that the Department of the Army takes and is of the opinion that this equipment (not being classified) may be disposed of as surplus if the situation warrants it.

4. In view of the Department of the Army stand and the informal Air Force Liaison Office comment information copies of correspondence will be sent to Director, Armed Forces Security Agency for appropriate action.

FOR THE CHIEF, ARMY SECURITY AGENCY

THOMAS J. BEE
 Lt. Colonel, AGC
 Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl.
 Comment #2 frm OCSigO
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SIGDB(7 Aug 51)

SUBJECT: Surplus Disposal of M 209(), Cryptographic Equipment

TO: Asst Chief of Staff FROM: OCSigO DATE: 17 August 51 COMMENT NO. 2
G2 Fowler/71654

1. This office has no knowledge of the unauthorized disposition of Converters, M-209, by any Signal Corps installation and is taking every precaution to prevent such a possibility. The same item, however, is used by Air and Navy to some extent. Any details on this case sufficient to permit an investigation, would be appreciated.

2. Information requested in paragraph 3, Comment 1, is as follows:

a. Directives of the Chief Signal Officer:

- (1) Provide instructions for demilitarizing referenced equipment, and
- (2) Prohibit disposal prior to demilitarization.

b. (1) Theaters were advised per WARX 98567 which you inclosed (Incl 1), WARX 98568 (Incl. 2), and DA Memo 700-50-22, 17 March 1948, providing:

*** "Converter M-209 (Stock Number 6E1009). All excess equipment are to be demilitarized and destroyed within the theater, and under no circumstances are they to be turned over to disposal agencies." ***

(2) Depots in the Continental U.S. were advised of the demilitarization and disposal policy of the Army Security Agency as indicated in Inclosure 3.

c. Message (Incl 4) is being released to all Signal Supply Installations again to direct their attention to this policy.

FOR THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER:

4 Incls

1. Cy WARX 98567
2. Cy WARX 98568
3. DF 1, P&D Serv
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s/ Eugene V. Elder,
t/ EUGENE V. ELDER, Brig Gen, USA
Chief, Procurement and
Distribution Division

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DISPOSITION FORM

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Surplus Disposal of M 209 (), Cryptographic Equipment

TO: SIGO

FROM: G2

DATE: 7 Aug 1951

Comment No. 1

Mr. Moran, Code 147, Ext 218

1. Information received from the Army Security Agency indicates that the "Cryptographic Equipments - M 209()" are being disposed of in the civilian surplus market. Indications point to the vicinity of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the area where disposal is most concentrated.

2. The disposal of this cryptographic equipment is prejudicial to the cryptologic efforts of the United States. Therefore, it is of great importance that immediate steps be taken to terminate the sale of additional M 209() equipments and if possible reclaim those now in individual inventories and possessions.

3. This office request the following:

a. A copy of the directive, if any, authorizing the declaration of M 209() as surplus for sale on the open market.

b. Any directive issued subsequent to WARK 98567 regarding type classification and stock status. (Incl. 1)

c. What action in addition to WARK 98567 (Incl. 1) has been taken to terminate the sale of this equipment on the open market.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2:

s/ Frederick D. Sharp
t/ FREDERICK D. SHARP
Colonel, GSC
Executive

1 Incl.
Copy WARK 98567

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Office of the Chief Signal Officer 74130
 Requirements Division
 Supply Control Branch - SPSCL

25 February 1946

J. N. Montgomery

WARX 98567

CG GREENLAND BASE COMMAND NARSARSSUAK GREENLAND
 CG NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND ST JOHNS NEWFOUNDLAND
 CG ICELAND BASE COMMAND MEEK FLD ICELAND
 CG KINDLEY FLD BERMUDA
 CG CDC QUARRY HEIGHTS GZ
 CG SAWATC NATAL BRAZIL
 CG ALASKAN DEPARTMENT FORT RICHARDSON ALASKA
 CG USFCT SHANGHAI CHINA
 CG USFIBT NEW DELHI INDIA
 CG USFMTO CASERTA ITALY
 CG AMET CAIRO EGYPT
 CG US ARMY FORCES IN THE AZORES LACHENS FLD AZORES

FROM: WARCOS

CONVERTER M TWO ZERO LINE IS CLASSIFIED HEREBY AS MILITARY TYPE
 ITEM PD DESIRE ALL CLASS A AND B STOCKS BE RETURNED TO UNITED
 STATES PD ALL CLASS C STOCKS AND ANY CLASS A AND B STOCKS NOT
 RETURNED WILL BE DESTROYED PD FOR SECURITY REASONS NONE SHOULD
 BE DECLARED SURPLUS TO ANY DISPOSAL AGENCY

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A true of Sheet Available in the
 Historical Section, G-2 with WARX
 number added and hand written notes omitted.

Folder General Files
 OCSigO 413.4 (M-209)
 Converter No. 2
 1945 thru _____

/s/ JOHN M. BAKER
 Lt. Col. AGC

Incl. 2

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
OUTGOING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE~~RESTRICTED~~PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. HANDLE AS RESTRICTED CORRESPONDENCE
PER PARAS 44g and 53a, AR 380-5Office of the Chief Signal
Officer Requirements Div
Supply Control Br SPSCL
J N Montgomery 74130

25 February 1946

CG USFET Main Frankfurt Germany
CINCAFPAC Tokyo Japan
COMGENAFMIDPAC Ft Shafter TH
CG Peninsula Base Sector Main Leghorn Italy
CG London Area Office TSFET London England
CG AFWESPAC Manila PI

Number WARK 98568

From WARCOS

Following clarifies disposal instructions contained in WARK 96322 and supersedes any previous instructions regarding converter M-209. Converter M-209 is classified hereby as military type I. For security reasons none should be declared surplus to any disposal agency. Desire all class A and B stocks be returned to United States. All class C stocks and any class A and B stock not returned will be destroyed.

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Disposition of Unserviceable Converters M-209

TO Commanding Officer
Storage and Issue Agency
150 S. Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa

P & D Service
Sup Cont. Br

DATE: 13 Jan 47
Montgomery/74130

COMMENT NO. 1

1. At the present time approximately 5,844 Class C, Converters M-209 are being held in various Signal Corps repair shops awaiting repair. It has been determined that this quantity will not be required by the Army, therefore, action can be initiated to dispose of these after the item has been properly demilitarized. Instructions covering the steps which are necessary to demilitarize the subject equipments are contained in the attached Disposition Form from Army Security Agency. It is requested that this information be furnished all depots which will be involved in the disposal of this unserviceable equipment. Depots should also be advised to be extremely careful in this disposal since if any of the equipments are allowed to reach the civilian channels in their present form the present security methods of the Army may be compromised which could result in jeopardizing present communications security maintained by the Army.

2. Prior to demilitarization and disposal of Converter M-209, the stock balance of all repair parts should be reviewed and consideration given to the cannibalization of these sets to bring existing stocks of parts up to desired levels in cases where present stocks of such parts are not adequate to meet anticipated future demands.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF, PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICE:

MARVIN M. KILGO
Lt. Colonel, SigC
Chief, Supply Control Branch

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DF fm ASA dd 23 Dec 46
w/1 Incl

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Disposition of Unserviceable Converters
M-209TO: The Chief Signal Officer
Washington 25, D. C.,
Attn: Chief, Supply Control Br
P&D ServiceFrom: S & I Agency
150 So Broad St
Phila 2, PaDate: 13 Feb 47 #2
Lyle/228

1. Letters have been sent to the seven depots having class "C" Converters M-209, requesting that they perform the following operations on the total amount now on hand:

- a. Remove the required quantities of repair parts for stock.
- b. Demilitarize in accordance with inclosed instructions.
- c. Dispose of the remainder.

2. The approximate quantities involved in this action are as follows:

<u>Depot</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Atlanta	66
Decatur	335
Holabird	852
Lexington	463
Philadelphia	3618
Sacramento	1282
San Antonio	1144

3. The total quantity is seen to be somewhat higher than the estimate furnished in Comment No. 1. Disposal of this higher quantity was agreed upon in Telephone conversation between Mr. Montgomery of your office and Mr. Franklin of this Agency, 27 January 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CLIFFORD A. BESECKER
Captain, Signal Corps
Chief, Depot Operations Branch

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Demilitarization of Converter M-209

Chief Signal Officer

Director of Intelligence 23 December 46 COMMENT NO. 1
Capt Utter/8129 Ext 216

1. Reference is made to letter from the Chief Signal Officer, dated 16 December 1946, subject as above.

2. In order to properly demilitarize the Converter M209 to permit its disposal, it is necessary that the following listed parts be removed and destroyed:

- a. Typewheel assembly, Stock Number 6E1009A/T8
- b. The 6 key wheel, Stock Numbers 6E1009A/K1, 6E1099A/K2, 6E1009A/K3, 6E1009A/K4, 6E1009A/K5, 6E1009A/K6
- c. The 6 key wheel gears, Stock Numbers, 6E1009A/G1, 6E1009A/G2, 6E1009A/G3, 6E1009A/G4, 6E119A/G5, 6E1009A/G6
- d. Intermediate gear shaft, Stock Number 6E1009A/S32
- e. Drum assembly, Stock Number 6E1009A/D10.

3. Information, description and nomenclature of these parts may be obtained from TM 11-380, "Converter M-209, M-209A and M-209B."

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

GEORGE A. BICHER
Colonel, Signal Corps
Deputy Chief, Army Security Agency

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Ltr fm OCSigO
dd 16 Dec 46

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CO SACRAMENTO SIG DEPOT SACRAMENTO CAL

SIG SUP OFF SIG SEC ATLANTA GEN DEPOT ATLANTA GA

SIG SUP OFF SIG SEC SAN ANTONIO GEN DEPOT SAN ANTONIO TEX

FROM SIG.B DASH FOUR

THIS OFFICE ADVISED CONVERTER MIKE DASH TWO ZERO NINE HAS RECENTLY APPEARED IN CIV SURPLUS CHANNELS PD TAKE NEC ACTION IN YOUR DEPOT AND THRU LIAISON CHANNELS WITH POST CAMPS AND STATIONS IN YOUR AREA TO INSURE THAT NONE ARE TURNED OVER TO SALVAGE WITHOUT BEING DEMILITARIZED BY REMOVAL OF FOL PARTS CLN PARA ABLE PD TYPE-WHEEL ASSEMBLY CMA STOCK NR SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT TAKE EIGHT PD PARA BAKER PD THE SIX KEY WHEELS CMA STOCK NRS SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING ONE CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING TWO CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING THREE CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING FOUR CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING FIVE CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT KING SIX PD PARA CHARLIE PD THE SIX KEY WHEEL GEARS CMA STOCK NRS CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT GEORGE ONE CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT GEORGE TWO CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT GEORGE THREE CMA SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE

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 EASY PD DRUM ASSEMBLY CMA STOCK NR SIX EASY ONE ZERO ZERO NINE ABLE SLANT DOG ONE
 ZERO PD PARA DISPOSAL OF THIS ITEM PRIOR TO DEMILITARIZATION IS CONTRARY TO DA
 POLICY AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PERMITTED

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A. J. BURCH, LT COL, SIG C

ASST CHIEF, Depot Branch P&D DIV

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