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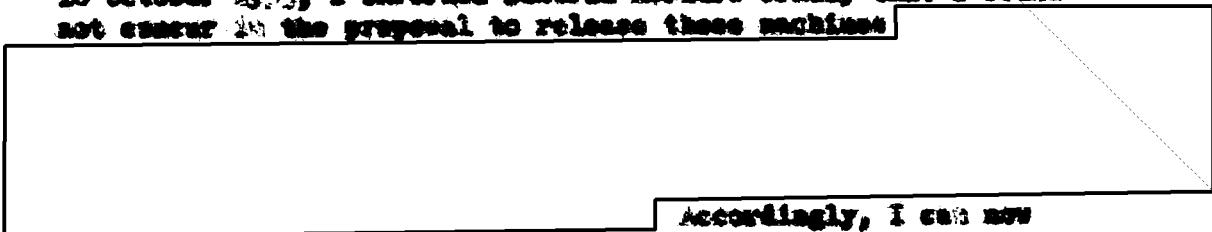
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SUBJECT: Release of M-309's to the French

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon

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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

1. In October 1953, the Department of the Army received a request from the French for release of 390 M-309's for use in Indo-China. The matter was referred to me for decision, and on 16 October 1953, I informed General McClure orally that I could not concur in the proposal to release these machines



Accordingly, I can now concur in the Department of the Army proposal to release these machines to the French.

*Signed*

RALPH J. CANINE  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director

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M/R: On 16 October 1953, the Director informed General McClure orally that he could not concur in the release of 150 M-309's to the French for use in Indo-China. until such time

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The Director reported this turn of events to USCIB members at the 97th meeting and stated that he would withdraw his earlier vote in writing. Although the Director informed General Trufant (Asst's C of S, G-2) orally that there was no longer any bar to releasing the machines to the French, instant letter makes the concurrence a matter of record for Department of the Army. M/R prepared 8 Jan 54.

LEDR P. J. Harl, P/T, 60548/wp

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