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Just as I was about to sign this I had a phone call from you, Reader, asking me some questions re Ex. Capt. Hawkins. A report on some loose talking by Hawkins in a bar in N.Y.C. has been sent by Sig O. (Col. Frank Williams) to

Approved for Release by NSA on 11-04-2014 pursuant to E.O. 13526
C SecO. Report to Gen. MacArthur that we will probably see it soon.
2. Have discussed this informally with Col. Hayes.

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Chief, Communications Research
Ext 215
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Conference with Representatives of Teletype Corporation

On 4 March 1948 Messrs. Burke and Cook of the Teletype Corporation visited this Division and during the course of the discussion imparted the following information:

1. On 12 February 1948 Mr. E. J. Hawkins of Las Vegas appeared in the Chicago office of Teletype Corporation and indicated that he had certain ideas for the development of cryptographic devices superior to any existing devices and wanted to know whether Teletype Corporation would undertake the development of these devices with him. Teletype Corporation told him that they were not interested in undertaking such development with him and advised him to contact the services. If the services were interested in undertaking the development of his ideas, Teletype Corporation might be interested.

2. This same Mr. Hawkins had previously contacted Teletype Corporation on 12 December 1938 at which time his address was 804 Brown Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana. At that time he had a model of a cryptographic device which he submitted to Teletype Corporation. The Teletype Corporation was not impressed with the device nor interested in its development.

3. This information was furnished us by the representatives of Teletype Corporation in order to indicate their position and action in this respect.

4. Inasmuch as Mr. Hawkins was employed by the Agency, undoubtedly, the cryptographic developments to which he referred would reflect information which he gained as a result of his employment.

/s/ S. Kullback
Chief, Research Laboratories Division

Inclosure 1
Gentlemen:

As a result of their participation in the communication security activities and operations of the Armed Services during the last war, thousands of persons came into possession of classified information concerning the security equipments used by the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. Most of that information still is and must obviously remain in a classified status for reasons of national security.

The great majority of the persons mentioned above are no longer members of those services nor connected in any way with the Government. Some of them may have inventive types of mind and may conceive ideas for improved or new security equipments which they may propose for possible development by commercial firms, such as your firm, in the hope that their exploitation would be of commercial interest and value. The great majority of such persons would be entirely innocent of any intent to injure national security and would vehemently reject any thought of such intent. Nevertheless, even without intent to injure national security, it is possible that serious harm might result if technically sound communication security devices, employing principles based upon or derived from a knowledge of U. S. classified equipment, became public property, ultimately reaching foreign powers.
The Army has, of course, no desire to stifle technical progress in any field of knowledge; but where such progress clearly affects national security, certain minimum controls are desirable. They have been established in the field of atomic energy, for example, but not as yet in the field of cryptography, which also presents special problems and hazards to national security requiring special treatment.

It would, therefore, be much appreciated if your firm would inform me of any proposals for new cryptographic apparatus that may be submitted for possible development. Steps might then be taken by the authorities to look into these ideas and to make arrangements with the inventor with a view to protecting the national interests in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

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Proposed Communication Security Measures

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