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AS-14 AS-71 17 Mar 48 Joint Army-Navy Patent Advisory Board

1. Reference is made to an Interoffice Routing Sheet, 9 March 1948, subject: Proposed Communication Security Measures, from AS-14 to AS-20.

2. In accordance with the recommendation of Paragraph 1a, of said Interoffice Routing Sheet, it is suggested that a letter substantially like Inclosure 1 be forwarded to the Chief Signal Officer, Director, Legal Division. The matter has already been coordinated with Lawrence Glassman, of the Legal Division.

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2. AS-20 AS-14 19 Mar 48

Forwarded in connection with proposed steps for better control of crypto-inventions offered to commercial firms.

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SUBJECT: Patent Office Secrecy Orders

TO: Chief Signal Officer
Director, Legal Division
4C 254, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Mr. Lawrence Glassman

1. Reference is made to a transmittal sheet, 31 August 1945, subject: (as above), from Director, Legal Division, to Intelligence Branch, Attention: Major Rumble, a copy of which was forwarded to the Signal Security Agency, requesting lists of projects and fields of special significance to Signal Corps components, a military letter, 10 September 1945, from Chief, Army Communications Service (Signal Security Branch), to Director, Legal Division, subject: (as above), and a military letter from Legal Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, to Signal Security Agency, 12 September 1945, subject: (as above). The last two letters defined and clarified the fields of special interest of the Signal Security Agency, now Army Security Agency, the understanding being that applications for patent covering inventions in such fields would be submitted by the Commissioner of Patents to the Joint Army-Navy Patent Advisory Board, and that this Agency would thereupon have an opportunity to examine the same in the interest of national security.

2. While it is realized that activity in cryptologic development has decreased since the cessation of hostilities, it is singular that virtually no cases have been submitted to this Agency through the Joint Army-Navy Patent Advisory Board for more than a year. It is, therefore, requested that an inquiry be made, and that this Agency be advised whether the policy indicated in the letter first above referred to is still current.

FOR THE DIRECTION OF INTELLIGENCE:

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