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TO	FROM	DATE	SUBJECT
THRU:	AS-70 AS-80	28 Jan 47	Use of the Code Word "CREAM"
TO:	AS-90 <i>mar</i> AS-14		
			<p>1. There is attached herewith a report, subject as above, which has been accepted by this Agency as a guide to be followed in applying the code word CREAM.</p> <p>2. Dissemination of this report should be limited to personnel requiring the knowledge contained therein.</p>
	1 Incl Rpt "Use of Code Word CREAM"		 GEORGE A. BICHER Colonel, Signal Corps Deputy Chief, Army Security Agency Ext 498
			<p><i>See Regulations for Security &amp; Dissemination of Communication Intelligence filed in large safe</i></p>

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6 September 1946  
(as corrected by USCICC decision of 2 Jan 47)

SPECIAL REPORT

From: USCICC Subcommittee on Intelligence and Security

To: USCICC

Subj: Use of the Code Word "CREAM"

1. FACTS.

a. The USCICC Subcommittee on Intelligence and Security was directed by USCICC on 23 August 1946 "to prepare, for distribution to the member agencies of USCICC, instructions on the proper application of the code word CREAM. Specific examples showing when the code word should and should not be used are to be included."

2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. In conformity with the definition (as corrected by USCICC decision of 2 Jan. 47)--"The code word CREAM shall be used to designate specific items of Special Intelligence: information all or part of which has been derived from specific items of Special Intelligence, whether or not such derivation is obvious, (except as provided in paragraph 17 of Appendix B) and information which reveals the degree of success obtained or the ability to obtain success in specific problems in the field of Special Intelligence; and all documents and communications in which this code word itself necessarily appears in its code word sense. It shall not be used otherwise,"--the subcommittee cites the following examples showing when the code word should and should not be used.

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(1) The code word should be applied and used to designate the following types of material:

(a) All papers containing Special Intelligence, i.e., the product of decryption (translations, the Bulletin) and the intelligence produced therefrom (the Diplomatic Summary, lists, compilation and other intelligence reports derived from Special Intelligence); such as:

- 1. Order of battle lists
- 2. Lists of personnel
- 3. Other special reports
- 4. Maps and charts

(b) All worksheets, records and devices involved in the cryptanalytic and decryptographic processes employed in the production of Special Intelligence. Specified equipment, either captured or constructed, the knowledge of which would disclose our success or lack of success in specific foreign cryptographic systems. This includes:

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1. Reconstructed or captured code books, key lists, etc.

2. Reconstructed or captured foreign cryptographic devices currently or potentially employed for the production of Special Intelligence.

(NOTE: Although all this material is properly designated CREAM, most of it will normally be confined exclusively to the premises of communication intelligence producing agencies and, when so confined, need not be actually marked with the code word.)

(c) All papers which include specific technical information taken from the materials defined in (b)-1 and 2 above.

(d) All papers which make specific reference to the content, nature or status of specific fields of Special Intelligence and/or the cryptanalytic processes or materials involved in its production. This includes: Progress reports and other technical reports which would compromise our degree of success in attacking a current or potential foreign cryptographic system.

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(2) The code word should not be applied and used to designate the following types of material unless these documents and correspondence contain the code word itself necessarily used in its code word sense:

- (a) Organizational and/or functional charts of such organizations as ASA, L., LSIC which do not reveal degree of success attained or ability to obtain success in this field.
- (b) Memoranda, minutes, reports, and agenda of or from USCICC and USCICC subcommittees which do not reveal degree of success attained or ability to obtain success in this field.
- (c) Reports or correspondence dealing with intercent activities even the sensitive ones such as the photostat traffic source.
- (d) Correspondence or reports dealing with general relations in the communications intelligence field, including such sensitive ones as U.S.-British collaboration.

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*include!*  
(9) *transmission systems and technical systems when not coupled with specific currently operational or potentially operational systems*  
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(e) Administrative items, such as requests for personnel, equipment, or supplies needed for the communications intelligence effort, which must go to outside agencies. Such items should be reviewed for the utmost "sanitation" possible by responsible persons.

(f) War or mobilization plans for communications intelligence which carry no mention of the current or past activity in the field.

b. There are three real functions of the code word which are to be accorded primary consideration in arriving at a decision as to its proper application. These are:

- (1) To control further dissemination on the part of the recipient of material properly so marked.
- (2) To label the source of material so marked as an aid in its proper intelligence evaluation.
- (3) To label the source of material falling under the definition in "a" of memorandum dated 23 August 1946 from the USCIGG Secretariat, subject "Use of Code Word CREAM," as an aid in insuring it due protection.

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3. COORDINATION.

a. No coordination with other subcommittees was deemed necessary.



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