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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

SUBJECT: Dr. Edward^{L.} Bowles' Statement of Military Communications Objectives

1. Problem: For representatives from AAF, AGF, ID, O&T, P&O and GSO, sitting as an Ad Hoc Group, to discuss and present their views on that portion of Dr. Bowles' statement which deals with tactical communications. This subject is covered in Section III of the statement.

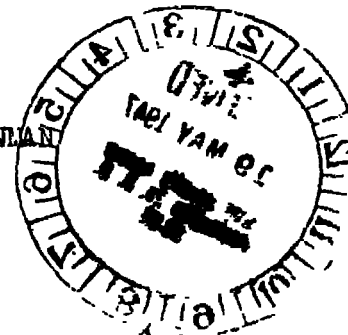
2. Discussion: Section III consists of three paragraphs, each of which will be discussed separately.

a. In the first paragraph Dr. Bowles states that responsibility for development of systems for tactical communications of ground and air forces should rest with these forces. It is presumed the word "system" in this statement covers organization and personnel, employment of equipment, and operating procedures. If such is the case it is the view of the Ad Hoc Group that under current War Department policy responsibility does rest upon the ground and air forces. Moreover, provision is made for the coordinating of the systems of both forces, to the end that signal communication may form an integrated whole.

b. In the second paragraph Dr. Bowles recommends that tactical communications is the field in which predominant War Department emphasis should be placed. The Ad Hoc Group is of the opinion that this is current War Department policy.

c. In the last paragraph Dr. Bowles states that individual tactical commanders must have control of their local or tactical communications; and allowance must be made for possible inter-communication with the global net. It is the view of the Ad Hoc Group that War Department doctrine provides for local or tactical communications to be under the control of the individual tactical commander; and that inter-communication with the global net is mandatory. Further, War Department doctrine provides for integration of communication between air, ground and naval forces to the broadest practical extent at all operational levels.

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