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From Commander in Chief, United States Fleet,  
 and Chief of Naval Operations.  
 Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet.  
 Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.  
 Commander, Seventh Fleet.  
 All Commanders of Sea Frontiers.  
 All District Commandants.  
 Chiefs of All Air Technical, Primary and Inter-  
 mediate Training.

Subject. Control of dissemination and use of communication  
 intelligence.

Reference. (a) Cominch Secret serial 0325520 of June 20, 1942.

1. Reference (a) is hereby superseded and shall be  
 destroyed by burning.
2. The extreme importance of communication intelligence  
 as a reliable source of enemy information has been repeatedly  
 demonstrated. From no other form of intelligence can the enemy's  
 intentions be so positively determined.
3. In view of these facts, it is imperative that every  
 possible precaution be taken with regard to controlling the dis-  
 semination and use of communication intelligence in order to  
 avoid drying up its sources. Any disclosures in the past with  
 regard to the source of communication intelligence have invari-  
 ably resulted in an immediate change in the enemy's communi-  
 cations and the consequent loss of weeks or months of painstaking  
 effort on the part of our communication intelligence personnel.  
 It is recognized, of course, that communication intelligence is  
 of no value unless proper operational use can be made of it. How-  
 ever, momentary tactical advantage is seldom worth the risk of  
 compromising the source, for such compromise will stop the flow  
 of information and thereby vitally affect operations on all  
 fronts and in all areas.
4. In order to further the maintenance of high security  
 in regard to communication intelligence, the following regulations  
 for the dissemination and use of this intelligence are hereby  
 prescribed.

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C O P Y

A General.

(a) Particular care must be taken in every command to insure that communication intelligence is provided with special security safeguards and is seen and handled by the absolute minimum number of selected persons necessary for its handling and use

(b) In exposed locations where enemy action is possible, particular precautions shall be taken to destroy all evidence of communication intelligence sources, including authorized files of communication intelligence messages, in order that there may be no possibility of its falling into enemy hands.

B Cryptanalytical, or "Special," Intelligence.

(c) The utmost secrecy shall be used in dealing with cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence, i.e., information resulting from the reading of enemy encrypted dispatches

(d) Cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence shall be passed on to subordinate commanders only in the form of operational directives whenever practicable

(e) When such intelligence must be given out to lower commanders as information, it shall be passed without any reference to its secret source and shall contain, somewhere near the beginning of the message, the word "ULTRA," Or the word "SUPER "

(f) Only cryptographic systems of the highest security, i.e., Type X, ECM, HCM, CCM, or one-time cipher, and of the narrowest distribution which includes the originator and addressees, shall be used for transmitting cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence, or any direct reference thereto.

(g) However, in exceptional instances where it is absolutely necessary to pass cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence to non-holders of these cryptographic systems, only the barest essentials required for necessary action by the addressee(s) shall be given, and the information shall be transmitted in the cryptographic system of the highest available security.

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(h) In disseminating cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence to lower echelons, care shall be taken to avoid, when possible, quoting exact dates, times, positions, or actual names of enemy units in a manner whereby the disseminated information, if intercepted by the enemy, can be tied to the original source

(i) Every effort shall be made to avoid indicating any connection between the source of intelligence and the outcome of operations. When action is based on cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence, local commanders should insure that the action cannot be traced to this source of intelligence alone.

(j) All copies of translations and paraphrases of cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence shall be stamped "ULTRA" or "SUPER" in addition to the usual secrecy classification

(k) No reference to cryptanalytical, or "Special," intelligence shall be made in war diaries, reports, proceedings, etc, however limited the circulation, without specific authority of the Chief of Naval Operations

C Traffic Intelligence or "Y" Inferences.

(1) Traffic intelligence or "Y" inferences, i.e., information derived from enemy communications by methods short of cryptanalysis, shall be stamped "ULTRA" or "SUPER" and treated on the same level as cryptanalytical, or "Special" intelligence when it is of obvious importance. Other intelligence of this nature, including that derived from enemy plain language, shall be treated as SECRET.

5. Transmission of this letter by registered mail within the continental limits of the United States is authorized.

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