

10 December 1954

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Reference: Teletype Message from Colonel Lansing, NSA Liaison Group,
Pentagon (Attached).

1. With reference to the message which is cited in the reference and which is being returned herewith, I took the matter up with Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, and attached hereto his action in response to my inquiry.

2. It would appear that the State Department and the Military Historian have come to some agreement with regard to the message or messages which are to be mentioned in the forthcoming State Department publication. However, Mr. Armstrong did not include in his memorandum any comment on that part of the Lansing message which says "... and would include article describing the U.S. success in intercepting and decoding Japanese traffic before and during the War."

3. It is suggested that the text of such an article ought properly be submitted to the Director, NSA, for clearance. Perhaps Colonel Lansing can get from the Military Historian or from JIG a copy of what is proposed to be included under this heading and give us a chance to look it over.

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FROM: NSA PENTAGON LIA GROUP

TO : DEP DIR, COMM/SEC

INFO COPY TO: PLANS AND POLICY DIV

HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY JIG TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY RULING COVERING THE FOLLOWING SITUATION:

STATE DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO PUBLISH AN UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTARY HISTORY ON WORLD WAR II CONFERENCES. IT WOULD CONTAIN A MESSAGE FROM TOJO TO THE JAPANESE MINISTER IN MOSCOW WHICH WAS SENT JUST PRIOR TO THE END OF THE WAR AND WOULD INCLUDE ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE US SUCCESS IN INTERCEPTING AND DECODING JAPANESE TRAFFIC BEFORE AND DURING THE WAR.

THE MILITARY HISTORIAN BELIEVES THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE EVEN THOUGH IT IS KNOWN THAT JAPANESE CODES WERE BROKEN.

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