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SUBJECT: Security Requirements for Operation WIGWAM

TO: Chief of Naval Operations (Op-30)
The PentagonReference: CNO ltr, OOL251P30, Subject: Security
Requirements; Operation WIGWAM, dtd 18 Oct 1954

1. Your requirement for secure ciphony equipment, specifically the AFSAY DS08, for use in connection with Operation WIGWAM has been carefully considered. Experience has demonstrated that the application of experimental, developmental, or engineering models of equipment to meet operational requirements is not in the best interest of national security. Therefore, I have adopted a policy to the effect that experimental, developmental or engineering models of equipments will not be made available to meet requirements of an operational nature.

2. The requested AFSAY DS08 ciphony equipment as well as other VHF ciphony equipments which might meet your requirement, are in various stages of development and have not been approved for operational use. Accordingly, I cannot provide the equipment you requested for use in Operation WIGWAM. For planning purposes, it is presently estimated that production models of such equipment will be available in approximately two (2) years.

/s/ Ralph J. Canine
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