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Use of Developmental Models of COMSEC Equipment

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1. The Director has established a policy to the effect that experimental, developmental, or engineering models of equipment will not be made available to meet requirements of an operational nature. Inclosed is a letter from the Director to the Chief of Naval Operations which enunciates this policy. Although the letter deals with a specific request, it contains a general statement of policy and, therefore, is transmitted for information and guidance. The Director has since reaffirmed this policy with respect to other equipments.

2. The Director has indicated that in the event of a request for an exception to this policy he will make the decision rather than delegate the authority. This does not, in any way, preclude the conduct of tests which may be essential in the development of an equipment.

3. The established policy permits only approved production models of COMSEC equipment to be used in fulfilling operational requirements. DD/COMSEC is responsible for the introduction of these models; therefore, it is requested that no commitments for operational application be made without prior concurrence by this office. Further requests for exceptions to this policy should be referred to DD/COMSEC who will obtain decision from the Director in each instance.

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