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Three months working under MIS directive dated 3 March 1945, (Subject: Intelligence Concerning Security of Communications - signed General Clarke) have shown several impracticalities in the arrangements as they now stand.

1. The personnel at MIS evaluating this Intelligence regarding Cryptographic and Traffic security are unqualified for the task. This is readily admitted by the personnel referred to. Hence, B-IV has sent one officer (Lt. Burcum) to assist MIS in evaluating Ultra TA information. All TA studies are now prepared by Burcum, who is spending full time at MIS. Evaluation of Cryptographic matters is still done by MIS personnel, however.

2. A definite overlap exists between the functions of Lt. Reimers' unit and the aforementioned MIS unit. Both evaluate the identical material. MIS reports of this (~~considered inadequate and largely unnecessary~~) are disseminated to the field; SSA reports are not.

A discussion was held at MIS on Monday, 4 June 1945, to attempt to rectify the situation. Present were: Major Spitzer, MIS, Captain Maass, SSA, Lt. Barasch, (B-IV) SSA, Lt. Reimers, Lt. Burcum, (B-IV) SSA.

Two plans were discussed:

1. To set up a unit at SSA for the explicit purpose of evaluating Ultra security material. This unit was to be composed of Lt. Reimers' section, members of B-IV, and a representative of A Branch. This proposal was, however, discarded, as all personnel involved had other duties which would prevent full time attention to the above subject.

2. To have evaluation of Cryptographic and Traffic Analytic intelligence handled within the appropriate Branches of SSA, with informal exchange of any information. MIS would no longer evaluate this technical information; sole function of MIS in this respect would be to determine the accuracy of the actual material contained in these messages, while SSA would be concerned only with the sources. Continued liaison would exist between MIS and SSA relative to this subject. Dissemination outside of SSA would be by MIS through MIS channels, at the discretion of SSA and MIS.

It is believed that this latter would be a satisfactory working arrangement, requiring no additional directives or change of existing ones.

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