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31 Jul 58

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT.   Classification of "German Military Ciphers from
           February to November 1918"

1   As you requested, Mr Mathisen of this office contacted
Mr Eugene B Power, president, University Microfilms, Ann Arbor,
Michigan, on 30 Jul 58, to discuss captioned matter   Mr Power
was informed that the purpose of the visit was to determine the
circumstances surrounding his procurement of a microfilm of the
book in question and the manner in which the microfilm has been
used. He was assured that the seizing of material was not intended

2   Mr Power was cordial and cooperative   He explained that
the company had embarked on a new venture recently, the reproduction
of out of print publications by a microxerox process   As a result
of attendant publicity, Mr Howard T Oakley, 899 Westfield Avenue,
Elizabeth, New Jersey, submitted a microfilm of the book, "German
Military Ciphers from February to November 1918," with a request
for a reproduced copy   Mr Oakley contended that the publication
was unclassified and the microfilm had been obtained from the
Library of Congress

3   Three copies of the book have been produced   Company policy
is to print copies only as orders are received, no stocks are
maintained   The company has one copy of the book, one was sold to
Mr Oakley and one was purchased by a Mr David Kahn who submitted
his order under the letterhead of "Newsday," Garden City, Long Island,
New York   Copies of two letters from Mr Oakley, dtd 1 Apr and
10 Apr 58, respectively, and one letter from Mr Kahn, dtd 13 May 58,
concerning the purchases of the reproductions of the book were
furnished by Mr Power and are inclosed

4   Efforts were made to induce Mr Power to voluntarily give
up the microfilm and the company's copy of the book   The matter
was not pressed when Mr Power appeared reluctant to do so   He felt
that Mr Oakley should be contacted first   However, Mr Power
agreed not to produce any more copies of the book   The company copy
was marked "classified CONFIDENTIAL " The microfilm and copy are
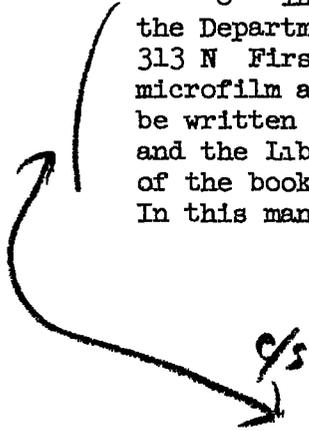being stored in the company vault

5   For your information, Mr Power is a consultant to this Agency
(CREF). He has been granted a TOP SECRET and Cryptographic clearance
and has been indoctrinated for COMINT. University Microfilms has held
SECRET Facility clearances in the past and is presently negotiating a
classified contract with the Navy

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        6   Mr Power stated he would comply with any request made of
him in this matter by the Department of Defense

        7   Efforts to locate the copy of the document in question
missing from the Library of Congress were successful on 29 Jul 58
This copy, number 182, contains the notation on the title page that
it was declassified 1 Nov 55, on authority of a letter from the
Army Security Agency, dtd 28 Oct 55   A review of library files
disclosed a letter written on that date to Mr Paul Barry, Chief,
Serials Division, Library of Congress, by George A Temme, Jr , Lt Col ,
Acting AC of S, G-2, Headquarters, ASA, relative to the classification
of "German Military Ciphers from February to November 1918." This
letter stated in part: "Subject book was downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED
as directed by paragraph 3, Department of the Army Circular 127,
dtd 23 Dec 53   Additional copies are not available   However, there
is no objection to your reproduction of copies as required to fill
your needs "

        8   In view of these developments, I suggest that the AG request
the Department of Defense write Mr Power at University Microfilms,
313 N First Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to have him submit the
microfilm and copy of the book in question   Similarly, letters should
be written by the Department of Defense to Messrs Oakley and Kahn
and the Library of Congress informing of the proper classification
of the book and requesting their copies be turned in to the Department
In this manner, undue involvement of NSA is prevented

                                    DAVID I. BELISLE
                                    Acting Director of Security

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