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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

Subject: Procedure for LCSA/GCHQ/NSA Clearance
of COMSEC Release Proposals

1. I am instructed to inform you as follows.
2. Director, LCSA, as U.K. executive agent for COMSEC, will be responsible for action on all COMSEC release proposals, wherever they may originate, (e.g. one of the Services). He will negotiate as necessary with Director, GCHQ. [redacted] and with Director, NSA (regarding U.S. COMSEC [redacted] of release).
3. Before any formal approach is made to DIRNSA regarding a release proposal requiring U.S. concurrence, Director, LCSA will reach agreement with all other interested parties in the U.K. on what is to be U.K. national policy on the proposal. In approaching DIRNSA he will present the case for this agreed U.K. policy and will make it clear that [redacted] [redacted] has been consulted and has concurred in the proposal.
4. If Director, LCSA and Director, GCHQ cannot agree they will refer the release proposal to the Director-General [redacted].
5. If Director, LCSA cannot reach agreement with DIRNSA and wishes to pursue the matter further, it will be for him to decide what higher authority in the U.K. should be asked to intervene.
6. These arrangements have been referred to the London Signal Intelligence Board and their concurrence obtained.

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