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Subject: Codeword Stamps.

1. In view of the prospective changes to be made on the first of the year and owing to the fact that this office has received several queries on subject stamps, the information set forth below is considered to be of interest at this time.


2. The Executive Secretary has been unable to discover any clear cut statement from USCIB as to whether codeword stamps may or may not be constructed integral with the applicable classification stamps. The same is true of paper printed with COMINT codeword. LSIB, however, in a forthcoming revision of IRSIG are establishing the following regulation:

"II.20 Rubber codeword stamps must be manufactured independently of rubber stamps bearing SECRET or other legends. Headed paper showing a codeword associated with a security classification may be printed or otherwise reproduced only by authorities approved by the L.S.I.B.

"II.21 Unused (including reserve) headed paper and rubber stamps bearing a Sigint codeword are to be treated as SECRET unless their purpose or meaning could be inferred from their environment or from an accompanying document (e.g. a G.C.H.Q. receipt sent out with a rubber stamp), in which case they must be treated as SECRET ZZZZ or TOP SECTET XXXX, WWWW or PPPP respectively."

3. The Executive Secretary recommends that the above quoted regulation be adopted in principle by USCIB and incorporated in USCIB Directive No. 6.

4. If there is no objection to the suggestion set forth above by the close of business Tuesday, 22 November 1954, the Executive Secretary will ask the Security Committee to prepare a suitably reworded version of USCIB Directive No. 6 for consideration at the next regular meeting of USCIBEC.


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