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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency
3801 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

FROM: British Cryptographic Liaison Officer
Room 4904, Main Navy Building

Subject: Release of AFSAM 7

1. It is probably known to you that the U.K. Chiefs of Staff have approved the report of the 1953 Communications Security Conference and that the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff have been so informed. I am instructed by the Secretary, C.P.B. to inform you that, in the course of consideration of this Report by the cognisant U.K. authorities, L.S.I.B. approved the release of AFSAM 7 for international NATO communications.
2. In addition, separately from the Report, consideration was given to the release of AFSAM 7 for the national communications of NATO nations, since it was thought that sooner or later such use would prove necessary. This further release has been approved by the C.P.B. and has also been approved by L.S.I.B. "When the need arises, on the understanding that C.P.B. confirms with U.S. COMSEC authorities that U.S.C.I.B. has no objection." This is approval in principle and is not concerned with the timing of the release. The Secretary, C.P.B. therefore requests that he may be informed if and when U.S.C.I.B. approves in principle the release of AFSAM 7 to NATO nations for national communications and also if and when a decision is taken to release any of the machines.

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Cryptographic Liaison Officer

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