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MEMORANDUM

FOR MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AD HOC COMMITTEE
FOR NSC COMSEC DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to 4 December 1953 Draft of Memorandum Implementing NSC 168

It is requested that the attached changes be incorporated in the 4 December 1953 draft, distributed to you as of this date, for consideration at the next meeting on Wednesday, 9 December 1953 at 0900.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN, AD HOC COMMITTEE:

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Corrections have been made.

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Para 3, page 1: √

Next to last sentence, change "has been designated" to read "has now been designated".

Para 3, page 2: √

Strike out last sentence and substitute the following therefor:

"With respect to the military departments, the Director, NSA, will ensure that fulfillment of his COMSEC functions will meet the requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Para 4, page 2: √

Second line, change "bound" to "governed".

Para 4(e), page 3: √

Second line from top, change as follows:

"military departments, revise and supplement rules and procedures as required."

Para 4(i), page 3: √

First line, strike comma after "Defense" and add "and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ".

Para 4(j), page 3: √

Delete first line. (Would then read "To conduct etc.")

Para 4(m), page 4: √

Change first line to read:

"In consonance with policies of the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to formulate . . . ."

Para 4(q), page 5: √

First line, substitute "COMSEC" for "cryptosecurity".
Para 5, page 5:
Strike out "and (the guidance of) the Joint Chiefs of Staff".

Para 6(a), page 5:
Change first sentence to read as follows:
"a. To organize and conduct their COMSEC activities as they see fit subject to the provisions of law, the directives of the President, the provisions of reference (a) and any other directives issued by the Board, the provisions of this directive, and any directives issued by the Director, NSA."

Para 7, page 7:
Change to read as follows
"7. The Director, NSA, will arrange with his appropriate authorities of departments and agencies of the government outside the Department of Defense for the exercise of the authority over COMSEC matters granted in paragraph 2 of reference (a)."

Para 9, page 8:
Change third sentence to read:
"If the matter in question cannot be resolved after consideration by the Director, NSA, and the department concerned, the head of that department shall refer the matter to the Secretary of Defense via the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Page 8:
Substitute new page, attached.
that department will call the matter to the attention of the Director, NSA. If the matter in question cannot be resolved after consideration by the head of that department, he shall refer the matter to the Director, NSA, and the department concerned, if it shall be referred to the Secretary of Defense via the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

10. With respect to the responsibilities of the military departments, nothing in this directive shall require them to take any action which will jeopardize their primary mission, or exceed their authorized budgetary expenditures. The military departments shall not be required to disclose to the Director, NSA, the Board, or any of its committees the contents of any official communications concerning its activities, if, in the opinion of the head of the department, the disclosure would be contrary to the national interest. Nothing in this directive shall be construed to give the Board or any of its representatives the right to inspect any department without approval by the head thereof.

11. Special terms used in this directive shall have the meanings assigned by reference (a).