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Report by the Communications-Electronics Coordination Section  
on

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLICATIONS, ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS  
INSTRUCTIONS - SECURITY. ACP 122(B)  
(CECS 63)

Note by the Secretary

1. On 5 March 1953, the Military Representatives Committee signified their individual approval to S.G. 33/20.
2. The Enclosure was dispatched to all member nations (except Iceland), SACEUR, SACLANT, Allied CINCHANNEL and EMCCC under SGM-324-53.
3. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of S.G. 33/20.

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REPORT BY THE COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COORDINATION SECTION

to the  
STANDING GROUP

on

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLICATIONS. ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS  
INSTRUCTIONS - SECURITY, ACP 122(B)  
(CECS 63)

THE PROBLEM

1. To formulate instructions pertaining to communication security for the use of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Nations.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. Adequate instructions covering the security aspects of communications for NATO use do not exist.

3. The communication security instructions contained in the Enclosure hereto (ACP 122(B)) are considered suitable for use by the Armed Forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Nations and by the NATO military commands.

4. Allied Communications Instructions - Security, ACP 122(B) is now available. However, subsequent to the printing of ACP 122(B) certain additions and deletions have been found necessary in order to clarify specific points. It is not desired to issue a regular change to ACP 122(B) until experience in its use shows whether or not any major modifications are required. These additions and deletions are given at Appendix to Enclosure.

CONCLUSIONS

5. It is concluded that:

a. Allied Communications Instructions - Security, ACP 122(B) should be adopted as amended by Appendix to Enclosure for use

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by the Armed Forces of NATO Nations.

b. Member Nations, except Iceland, should be requested to advise the Standing Group as to the dates by which it can be made effective.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that:

a. The above conclusions be agreed.

b. This paper be referred to the Military Representatives Committee for final approval of the adoption of ACP 122(B) for use by the Armed Forces of the NATO Nations.

c. After approval by the Military Representatives Committee a memorandum substantially as at Enclosure be sent.

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## ENCLOSURE

### DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Member Nations (except Iceland)  
SACEUR  
SACLANT  
ALLIED Cinc CHANNEL  
EMCC

SUBJECT: Allied Communications Instructions - Security,  
ACP 122(B)

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, the Military Representatives Committee approved the adoption of ACP 122(B), Allied Communications Instructions - Security (as amended by Appendix) for use between the Armed Forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

2. While the amendments in Appendix are deemed necessary, it is not desired to issue a regular change until experience shows whether any major modifications are required. These amendments will be confirmed in Change No. 1 to ACP 122(B) when it is issued.

3. The Member Nations addressed are requested to advise the Standing Group as to the date by which ACP 122(B) can be made effective.

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## APPENDIX

### Corrections to ACP 122(B)

#### Para 103a.(1)(F)

Add the following new sentence at the end of the existing sentence: "Within small units these functions will frequently be held by the officer responsible for the crypto-security of the unit (see (c) above)."

#### Para 204

Delete all the existing paragraph and substitute the following therefor:

#### "204. Arrangements of Fixed Cryptocenters

a. Physical security requirements for the cryptocenter normally necessitates that a separate room or rooms be devoted exclusively to crypto-functions. In case of absolute necessity and wherever it is impossible to devote a separate room to crypto-functions, the following arrangements may be used, but only as a last resort:

(1) A general office in which cryptomaterial is used and stored, and from which unauthorized persons are excluded whenever cryptowork is performed. This arrangement may be used if the traffic volume is so small that cryptowork will not interfere with other office functions.

(2) A general office in which cryptomaterial is used and stored, in an area which is screened from the view of unauthorized persons who may be in the room while cryptowork is being performed. This arrangement may be used when the traffic volume is sufficiently great that the arrangement in (1) above would seriously interfere with the normal office functions.

b. In all cryptocenters, it is mandatory that the facilities utilized for the performance of cryptowork and the

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Appendix

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storage of cryptomaterial provide as a minimum the safeguard described below even if it is not practicable to limit the use of the facilities of cryptofunctions.

(1) All doors must be of solid construction and must be fitted with secure locks. Only one door must be used as an entrance. All doors must be kept locked when the room is not occupied or when cryptowork is being performed.

(2) The entrance shall be so arranged that persons seeking entry can be identified without their being admitted to the room and without their viewing any crypto-activities within the room.

(3) All windows must be screened in such manner as to prevent viewing of the interior of the room from any exterior point.

(4) Storage requirements for cryptomaterial as prescribed in paragraph 210 a. must be provided.

(5) Keys to cryptocenters may only be held by designated personnel. A periodic check will be made of such keys.

(6) In all fixed cryptocenters, all windows shall be barred or otherwise adequately protected against surreptitious entry.

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