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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ITALIAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Plan for the Employment of the Combined
Cipher Machine

References: a. Italian MR ltr 03166/SRP of 31 October 1952
b. SGM-2472-52

1. The Standing Group was aware that, in naming 1 October 1952 as the date for the introduction of the modification and new procedures for the Combined Cipher Machine promulgated in SGM-1976-52, member nations were being given very little time to carry out the modifications and to accomplish the translation and distribution of documents and the other work entailed. However, it was considered that these steps should be taken at the earliest possible date in view of the increased security which they give to this cryptosystem.

2. The Standing Group hopes to introduce shortly a plan setting up a new organization which will facilitate and hasten the handling and distribution of cryptographic matters and materials.

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