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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, EUROPEAN COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Call Sign Encryption for Army and Air Forces

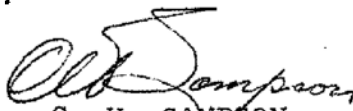
References: a. ECSA Serial 764 of 20 Feb 56
b. ECSA Serial 581 of 14 Sep 55

1. Reference a states that difficulty is being experienced in estimating the requirements for call sign encryption material to be held by Army and Air Forces. It is, of course, necessary that Air Force or Army activities likely to inter-communicate with other activities using call sign encryption have the ability to use the system. However, that need cannot be predetermined, nor will it apply to all Army and Air Force activities of a given type.

2. In the case of call sign material it may be impractical to attempt to establish standard allowances for other than major headquarters. Such allowances would automatically require the distribution, storage, and accounting of material which may never be used. Insofar as Army major headquarters are concerned, it is considered that issue of one copy each of all call sign encryption material to activities listed in Part II of reference b will suffice.

3. It is requested that ECSA discuss this matter further, in particular eliciting the opinions of the Supreme Commanders, with a view to enabling your members to formulate their requirements.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:


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