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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ATLANTIC

SUBJECT: Cryptochannels for EASTLANT Submarine Forces

1. SACLANT letter, Serial 1124, subject as above, dated 16 September 1955, recommended that "national authorities concerned be authorized to form stockpiles of all submarine cryptomaterial at the lowest acceptable level national distributing authority through whom distribution would be effected in an emergency by DACAN and EUDAC".

2. A comprehensive study of the distribution and stockpiling\* of NATO cryptomaterial has been undertaken. It is nearing completion.

3. It is expected that submarine cryptomaterial, which is currently held in a War Reserve\*\* status at DACAN and EUDAC, will be authorized for stockpiling at a lower level.

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4. In view of the change from LUCIFER/CCM to ADONIS/KL-7 as the primary system for NATO submarines, the cryptomaterial being considered in this instance for stockpiling at lower levels consists of ADONIS key lists - AMSPs 1031, 1032, 1033 and 1034.

5. The long delay in providing an answer to this problem is regretted. a final decision on the level at which submarine War Reserve\*\* material may be stockpiled\* will be made by 1 January 1959.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:



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- \* STOCKPILE - The status of Communications Security material which is held in reserve, usually by DACAN or EUDAC, for unscheduled use in an emergency.
- \*\* WAR RESERVE - The status of Communications Security material which is held in stock, usually by DACAN, EUDAC or National Distribution Agencies (NDA), until distribution to holders is directed.