

SUBJECT: Disposition of empty tape reels

TO: C/SEC

FROM: S/ASST

DATE: 7 May 1953

COMMENT NO. 2

1. All the members of the Classification Advisory Panel, including Col. Campbell (AG), concurred in your proposed solution, except the Chief, Security Control Division. His alternative solution and reasons therefor are set forth in inclosure 1 to my comment.

2. You will note that I referred Col. Wyman's dissent to Col. Campbell and that the latter appears now to concur with the idea of burning the empty reels, which according to para. 3 of Col. Wyman's comment is easy and presents no hazards.

3. It seems to me that if the arguments of the Chief, SEC are valid they would remain valid even with the proposed new and additional embossing on the reels. Therefore, in his view the new proposed embossing would be questionable, if not wholly misleading.

4. I have no strong feelings as to the validity or non-validity of the arguments presented by Col. Wyman. If we take the position of extreme caution, I suppose we would all agree with SEC and make people destroy the empty reels by burning.

5. If the latter position is adopted by you, then any new embossing should say "Destroy by burning when empty," or some such wording.

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