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~~TOP SECRET - SECURITY INFORMATION~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER, WASHINGTON:

Subject: Cryptographic Assistance to the Turkish Government.

1. Appropriate U.S. Officials have considered a request received from the Turkish Government for 34 cryptographic machines. These units were requested for the purpose of increasing the security of communications of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Fifteen of these units are required at present and the remaining 19 units will be required at an undetermined future date.

2. Pursuant to a recent decision by USCIB, the release of 15 CCM units is approved, and the possibility of giving technical assistance either as an alternate or a supplement to the release of these units is being explored.

3. Although no commitments have been made by either government, it may be expected that the 15 CCM units will be released on a free-loan basis if satisfactory safeguards can be provided against (1) insecure operation and disposition of the CCM units and (2) arbitrary use of insecure Turkish systems for critical quantities or types of messages, even if such use were supplemented by or supplementary to secure use of the CCM.

4. The British Joint Services Mission will be kept informed of significant developments on this matter.

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