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In reply refer
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, U.S.C.I.B.

The Department of State has referred to the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee for its consideration a communication from the [redacted] requesting information concerning the availability of automatic ciphering devices for use by the [redacted] in its communication with [redacted] abroad. The [redacted] has informed the Department that it would require a total of thirty-four such devices but would desire fifteen during the current [redacted] (which ends in February 1953).

The SD-MICC has informally communicated with the Armed Forces Security Agency on this matter and, by means of a letter to the Chief of Naval Operations from AFSA, Serial:00473, dated July 11, 1952 (a copy of which is attached), has been informed of the possibility that a maximum of ten combined cipher machines could be made available to the [redacted] for the purpose indicated on a free loan or rental basis. This statement of availability, it should be noted, is based upon the finding of AFSA that US commitments of the CCM for NATO communications purposes do not permit making available more than ten machines at the present time.

In accordance with the arrangement recorded in SANA-5947, dated February 12, 1948, the SD-MICC hereby requests the views of the USCIB with respect to the [redacted] for cryptographic assistance. It would be appreciated if this matter could receive urgent attention.

/s/ John C. Elliott
John C. Elliott
Chairman, State-Defense
Military Information Control Committee

Inclosure with USCIB 2/20 dated 16 July 1952.

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