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To: Chief Army Security Agency Europe, APO 757  
c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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Subject: TICOM Information Letter.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 18 August, subject "OI Intelligence Report", your staff study of 19 September, subject, "Proposed Action by United States Government in regard to Signal Intelligence Activity within Europe", to the related cables and correspondence on this subject and the interrogation of [redacted]. This Agency affirms its previous position in regard to dealings with former enemy nationals: that the security of Army Security Agency's own operations can not risk any compromise through dealings with former enemy signal intelligence personnel in any operational matter. This does not change TICOM present operations in any way. The desirability of continued watch over known personalities who have been questioned, re-interrogation of select cases, and location and interrogation of further personalities wherever possible is recognized. This agency can not participate in any privative measures with regard to employment of former enemy signal intelligence experts by other countries. The desirability of such blocking action has been discussed and the possibility of interesting CIC or CIA in such a policy is being investigated. Your interest in this matter is appreciated and the information you have supplied on the activity of persons of interest to TICOM is most valuable. The following further action in this matter will be taken.

a. The report submitted as TAB B of your staff study of 19 September had been referred to this agency by ID Group. They were informed that this matter came within the province of TICOM and were asked to inform the CIC representative in Austria that no employment could be offered to former enemy nationals in a signal intelligence capacity. The CIC representative in Austria was instructed to give you the name of the author of the report and those of his associates with whom he is in contact. If possible, interrogation by TICOM will be arranged and the names of his former associates determined. The only Austrian national known at this agency to have been an officer in German Army Signal Intelligence is SHILVIC but it is thought that he would be employed by Seifert in the Austrian Foreign Office if the report of his arrest by the Russians is false.

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b. Attached as enclosure one is a copy of a letter recently received at Army Security Agency. The [redacted] mentioned in this letter also appears worth investigation by your TICOM representative. Such investigation should include full coverage of her service with a German signal intelligence organization in Potsdam and determination of the names of those of her former associates whom she has reason to believe are employed by the French.

c. It appears that the Colonel [redacted] mentioned in the interrogation of [redacted] is a worthwhile subject for TICOM investigation and his name should be added to the revised Brown List as suggested in your letter of 10 July 1947.

2. Reference is made to letter of Army Security Agency/Europe, subject, "Circumstances of Discovery of TICOM material," dated 24 April 1947. Attached as enclosure two is a communication from a Mr. Benjamin F. Almand III which concerns this subject.

a. Items "A" and "B" of Almand's letter (page 11) do not appear to have been received at ASA/Europe from Military Intelligence Service, Austria. Action should be taken to determine whether an M 209 and a C 37 were included with the OKH/GdNA/In 7/VI documents recovered at Glasenbach by Major Heymont.

b. The "Waldman card file" mentioned by Almand and referred to in paragraph 9 of letter of 24 April 1947 in ASA/Europe has attracted widespread interest. Action should be taken to determine what steps CIC is taking to recover this valuable card file or confirm its destruction.

3. The CIC report on the investigation of [redacted] has been received. As indicated in paragraph 10 in the letter of WDCAS-14, subject TICOM Information Letter, dated 26 May 1947, Army Security Agency is interested in the cryptographic invention claimed by [redacted]. A translation of [redacted] description of the principles of his invention was sent you under cover of the letter of 26 May. After familiarization with the nature of [redacted] claims an investigator from your headquarters will visit [redacted] and secure from him all possible details of his invention for submission to Army Security Agency. The name of Army Security Agency will not be used in dealing with [redacted] but it may be indicated that the United States Army is interested in his invention. It is further pointed out that although discussed in TICOM Information Letters this is not a TICOM matter and TICOM, LSIC, will not be informed of it.

4. Reference is made to your letter of 22 August 1947, subject, "Report from [redacted] and subsequent radiograms concerning [redacted]. This agency has received from LSIC a photostatic copy of the 700 odd page typewritten manuscript of a proposed history

of OKW/Chi and its predecessor agencies from 1920 to the end of the war. The text is being reviewed by interested authorities but no decision has been reached as yet as to action to be taken in regard to publication. It is apparent, however, that [redacted] has in his possession a considerable volume of reference materials which he has used in preparing his book. An effort to determine what materials of this sort are in his possession and recovery of them for TICOM is indicated. At your discretion this should be undertaken either through [redacted] or by the TICOM representative.

5. The interrogation of [redacted] enclosed in your letter of 3 September 1947, Subject "Interrogation of [redacted]" has been received. If further interrogation of [redacted] is decided advisable questions will be prepared and forwarded to you as requested in paragraph 3 of your letter.

6. This will inform you that Army Security Agency has now obtained an appreciable part of the records of IM Abt 353, the German Airforce Signal Intelligence Regiment which operated on the Eastern front. The material consists of various reports and considerable captured low level systems and cryptanalytic solutions of other such systems. An accession list describing the contents more fully is being prepared and a copy will be supplied you. These documents were discovered in the possession of the German Military Documents Section in the Pentagon but there is no record of how they were received there. An investigation is under way to determine what else may be held by this organization which belongs to TICOM.

7. For your information, a State Department report on the Austrian Foreign Ministry, dated July 1947, has been received which refers to Seifert as head of Division 9. Title of this Division is given as "Codes and Translations". Seifert's deputy in the section is given as Dr Eugen MAULER. Mauler was mentioned by [redacted] as one of the pre-Anschluss members of the Austrian Foreign Office Cipher Bureau who was employed in OKW/Chi during the war. According to [redacted] Mauler had been in a hospital in Czechoslovakia at the end of the war. His reappearance working under Seifert is believed significant.

**Enclosures**

1. Ltr to Chief, ASA.
2. Ltr to Benjamin F. Almond III

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