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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF AFSAG:

Subject: Disposal of Surplus Crypto-equipment.

1. At the end of hostilities in World War II, for security reasons, the U.S. Army adopted the policy and steps were taken to prevent the disposal in the civilian surplus market of crypto-equipment designated as Converter M-209 ().
2. In disposing of unserviceable machines the U.S. Army required storage depots to demilitarize them by removing and destroying certain parts, as indicated in the inclosure.
3. The U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force also have stocks of Converter M-209 (), but it seems that no policy similar to that of the U.S. Army has been adopted by those two Services.
4. It would be advisable that within the Department of Defense there be a uniform policy in this matter.
5. Subject to U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force concurrence in paragraph 4, above, it is suggested that action be initiated within those Services to promulgate a similar policy with respect to the disposal of surplus M-209 equipment.
6. If such action is contemplated or initiated, it is requested that the Director, AFSA, be so notified.



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Acting Director, Armed Forces Security Agency

Inclosure 1 Copy of Memo from Deputy Chief, ASA, to CSO
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