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1. AS-80 15-80 12 Sep 49 Accounting Procedure for Packaged Cryptographic Machines  
Captain Jarvel Art 495

1. Reference is made to Action 4 of a earlier sheet from AS-20 to AS-80,  
31 October 1947, subject as above. Paragraph 1 states:

"1. In view of the circumstances outlined in Comment 3, the Working and Accounting Plan has been modified by the Director of Intelligence and approved as follows:

"a. Certificates required by paragraph 6 will be executed independently by two officers.

"b. At least one of the two certifying officers will be from sources other than AS-82 or AS-85

"c. One of the certifying officers will be Regular Army."

2. It is requested that paragraphs 1a, 1b and 1c be cancelled and the following substituted:

"1. Certificates required by paragraph 6 will be executed by one officer."

3. This action is requested because the following has been determined:

a. The officer can handle the workload.

b. The continuous presence of this officer in AS-85 during normal working hours is necessary for the performance of his duties.

a. Regular Army status is not considered essential for these reasons:

(1) The specification that the certifying officer be Regular Army would cause a tie-up in package production if this officer were taken sick or went on emergency leave and another Regular Army officer was not immediately available to carry on.

(2) The employment of a Regular Army officer in the capacity of a certifying officer, to the exclusion of other duties, would not be in accord with Career Management's planning. Dissatisfaction with this type of assignment on the part of Regular Army officers would require a continuous change in officer personnel.

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- (3) The officer signing the original certificate cannot be held solely responsible for the contents of the package or packages once they have been transferred to an official custodian of cryptomaterial other than the one originally signing for the package or packages. Transferring these packages from one warehouse to another, or after a number of years, to the ultimate holder, may expose these packages to surreptitious entry so that when the packages are eventually opened, the contents will not jibe with the original transfer report or certificate. Thus, the certifying officer retains responsibility only for having seen the machine inserted in the box and checking the numbers on the outside of the sealed container.

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