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SUBJECT: Training of Foreign Nationals in Use of Converter M-209, and Related Cryptographic Devices

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon

1. The possible effect on COMINT sources resulting from U.S. sponsored training for foreign officers in the use of the converter M-209) and other cryptographic devices is currently under review.

2. In order to evaluate the problem properly, it is necessary to have information on the nature and extent of past training in the subject field. Therefore, it is requested that you summarize for this Agency the Army Service school courses, taught or surveilled to foreign nationals since 22 December 1950 (date of promulgation of DA-DINI), which have included information on cryptography, cryptanalysis, the converter M-209, and codes and ciphers. The report should also include the classification of the courses and the number and nationalities of the foreign personnel involved in actual training.

3. It is also requested this Agency be informed whether, since the publication of Executive Order 10501, any change has been instituted in the training authorized foreign nationals.

For THE DIRECTOR:

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M/R: Action undertaken in view of Director's desire that the matter
be reviewed. The cut-off date of 22 Dec 50 was selected as this
was the date of promulgation of the Department of the Army Manual on
Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments
(DA-DCMI) which assigned to G-2 the sole authority for the release
of cryptographic information to foreign governments (para 7a(5)).
Approved in draft by DC/S and S/ASST (Mr. Friedman). Originally
prepared on 2 Mar; returned by C/SEC on 29 Mar with suggestions for
rewrite. Coordinated with C/SEC (41 - Mr. Austin and Mr. Croskery)
and PROD (062 - Mr. Buffham). M/R prepared 31 Mar 54.

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