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MEMORANDUM for Colonel Corderman.

Subject: Summary of Activities of "A" Branch for
 21 February - 26 February 1944 Inclusive.

1. A member of this Branch visited the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation to study the radio traffic originating there and to determine the necessity for and possibility of conducting a radio deception plan.
2. A discussion was held with representatives of the Army Ground Forces and Office of the Secretary of War on the subject of ground countermeasures program.
3. The first copies of Technical Bulletin, Sig 5, are being distributed.
4. The regular meetings of the JCB and CCB Countermeasures Committee were attended.
5. In connection with the recent compromise of the activities of a deception unit, members of Special Branch, Intelligence Division, ASF, Intelligence Branch, OCSigO, and Theaters Branch, OCSigO, were contacted in an effort to work out an administrative procedure which will permit security and at the same time will not complicate processing of a unit during its organization. As the result, a paper has been submitted to Plans and Operations Division, outlining a plan to fulfill the above requirements.
6. In connection with the activities of this Branch, a considerable number of reports are received from the Joint Electronics Information Agency. These reports usually do not contain reference as to source or reliability when such reports are extracts of other reports. Suggestion was made to JEIA, that information disseminated would, in some cases, be more valuable if reference were made to source and reliability when such was known. JEIA concurred in the above suggestion and agreed to include this information in future reports.

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7. A member of this Branch attended a conference in which there was discussed military occupation specifications of radio countermeasures personnel. A few revisions were necessary in the specifications, these being made and returned to Military Training Branch for further processing.

8. Further discussions were held with Captain Collins (Alaskan Department) in which he revealed certain requirements for training communications officers, special, (0532) who are to carry out radio deception operations in that Department. It is estimated that this training will require a week in "C" Branch's Traffic Analysis Section and a week in "A" Branch's radio deception course of instruction. A directive is being written to the Chief Signal Officer by the War Department General Staff, OPD, requiring the furnishing of 18 0532's and 42 statistical enlisted personnel.

9. A member of this Branch visited Ft. Monmouth Signal Corps Publications Agency for the purpose of coordinating RCM training literature projects.

10. This Branch was visited by a representative of Camp Davis, in connection with RCM training films.

11. Representatives of this Branch attended a conference on methods of "crash" (emergency) procurement of radio countermeasures equipment with representatives of NDRG, AGF, AAF, and ASF.

12. A conference on the need for special tables of equipment was held in Requirements Planning Branch. It was decided that "S" teams required a special list of equipment. A letter is to be sent to ASF by Requirements Planning Branch, outlining reasons for the need for such a list and submitting a request for a reconsideration of their policy of disapproving special tables of equipment.

13. T/Os for 4 communication jamming companies and 1 radar jamming company have been submitted to Requirements Planning Branch.

14. Conference was held with Chief, Military Training Branch, OCSigO, Director of Training (ARS) and Chief, "A" Branch, regarding the extent of participation of SPSIS in the future training of countermeasures units and officers. It was decided that this Agency would not conduct training, but act only in an advisory capacity. In the proposed courses of training for AGF officers, this Branch is to supply the training, Military Training Branch to conduct administration.

15. Advice has been received from the South Pacific Theater of their intention to send an officer here on temporary duty to discuss latest developments in countermeasures.

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