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MEMORANDUM for Deputy Chief, MIS

Subject: Intelligence Concerning Security of
Communications

In compliance with paragraph 2a of your Memorandum of 3 March 1945, subject: as above, Mr. William F. Friedman, Director of Communications Research, SSA, is designated to carry out the responsibilities of SSA.

W. Preston Corderman
Colonel, Signal Corps
Chief, Signal Security Agency

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3 March 1945

MEMORANDUM for Director of Intelligence
Commanding Officer, Signal Security Agency

Subject: Intelligence Concerning Security of Communications

[1. The Director of Intelligence, MIS is hereby charged with primary responsibility for conducting research in connection with material obtained from Ultra sources relating to (1) compromises of cryptographic systems employed by U. S. or Allied forces and (2) indications of enemy traffic analysis of U. S. or Allied communications.] This allocation of primary responsibility does not preclude "A" Branch and "C" Branch of SSA from receiving such material as "B" Branch has heretofore been authorized to furnish them.

2. In order to provide a working arrangement between MIS and SSA in connection with the above, the following action will be taken:

a. The Director of Intelligence and the Commanding Officer, Signal Security Agency will each designate one or more officers to carry out their respective responsibilities relating thereto. Such officers will insure that the dissemination of information and all action taken thereon is fully coordinated with the responsible officers in MIS and SSA.

b. If the material involved concerns a compromise of a U. S. or British cryptographic system a determination will be made by the Director of Intelligence as to whether the information may be disseminated. If the decision is in the affirmative, dissemination will be accomplished through G-2 channels with instructions concerning limitation on the use that may be made of such information by the recipients thereof. Further action required to follow through on the information so disseminated may be taken directly by SSA working with and communicating with an appropriate officer of the Theater SIS on the purely cryptographic details of the matter involved. Any additional dissemination of Ultra material required in the matter will be handled in G-2 channels.

c. If the material involved concerns an indication of enemy traffic analysis of U. S. or British communications the Director of Intelligence will determine whether the information may be disseminated. If the decision is in the affirmative dissemination will be accomplished

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through G-2 channels. Any action, involving agencies other than SSA or MIS, required to be taken by "A" Branch or "C_i" Branch of SSA on the basis of such information will be coordinated with and cleared by the Director of Intelligence, MIS.

d. If the material involved concerns a compromise of cryptographic systems or enemy traffic analysis of the message traffic of other Government departments or other Allied nations, the Director of Intelligence will determine whether the information may be disseminated. Any dissemination of such information will be made in G-2 channels.

3. Care will be exercised to insure that action taken based on material from Ultra sources conforms to the provisions of paragraph 9, AG letter 380.01 (8 Jul 44) OB-S-B, 10 July 1944, subject: Security Regulations for Special Intelligence.

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Brigadier General, GSC
Deputy Chief, MIS

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