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DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Production of [REDACTED], NATO Naval and Maritime Air Tactical Code (e)

1. As you know, the Standing Group, NATO, has agreed that the subject code be adopted for NATO use following routine operational tests scheduled in the spring of 1961 during exercises **NEW BROOM TEN** and **DAWN BREZE SIX**. The code is an amalgamation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and within the limits of a thirty-two page publication, incorporates suggestions forwarded by NATO Supreme Commanders.

2. The code will be a daily changing encode/decode book requiring an estimated 6,000 copies of each edition.

3. Provision of [REDACTED] will constitute a large production task. Presently, the production agreement entails the preparation of all manuscripts by the United Kingdom and subsequent printing of all editions by the United States.

4. It has now become apparent that the annual printing of 6,000 copies each of 372 editions will present an extremely heavy burden on the National Security Agency facilities. We would appreciate knowing if your Organization could assist in printing a portion of this requirement. Specifically, it is proposed that Canada print, from United Kingdom manuscripts, a three-month supply of 6,000 copies of 93 editions annually. It is estimated that production will commence in the fall of 1961.

5. Upon indication from you of the extent of assistance which can be given, detailed arrangements can be worked out by our respective technicians.

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M/R: was unofficially approached by representatives of CSEC, as to the possibility of Canada assisting the U.S. in the printing of His inquiry in Canadian channels met with a favorable reaction and Secretary, CE Security Policy Committee, has requested an official request from NSA. This letter forwards the official request to Canada. Coordinated with C. Osborn, DOC-03.

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