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SUBJECT: War Reserve Equipment

TO: Commanding Officer
Signal Security Agency
ATTENTION: Major Philip King, Jr.

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1. Attention is invited to recent discussion between Major Ellis of Army Communications Service and Captain Hatch of the Security Division relative to Action 2 of Transmittal Sheet from Army Communications Service, 25 May 1945, subject as above, wherein it was determined that the Signal Security Agency response could satisfactorily be submitted a few days beyond the deadline set in the basic communication.

2. It is observed that when classified cryptographic equipments are obsolete, and are no longer to be retained, they are destroyed. It is also to be noted that cryptographic equipments have no commercial counterpart and therefore require considerable time for procurement. For these reasons it is recommended that the following equipments be considered appropriate for war reserve until such time as declared obsolete:

- a. Converter M-134-C, D
- b. Converter M-209, A, B
- c. Converter M-223
- d. Converter M-294
- e. Converter M-325
- f. Converter M-409
- g. Converter MX-218()/U
- h. Converter Attachment AN/GSA-2
- i. Strip Device M-138-A
- j. CSP 845
- k. Speech Equipment RC 220-T1
- l. Speech Equipment AN/GSQ-1
- m. Speech Equipment AN/GSQ-2, 3
- n. Facsimile Equipment AN/GXA-1, 2
- o. Automatic Device for checking and printing M-209 pin and lug settings
- p. Strip Cutter utilized in the production of strips for Strip Device M-138-A and/or CSP 845.

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- q. Random Noise Tape Generator utilized in the production of one-time teletype tape.
- r. Modified Converter MX-218()/U and associated plugboard for checking key lists.
- s. Those production tools and/or equipments, utilized in the manufacture of cryptographic devices, which are owned by the Signal Security Agency.

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