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 SPSIC 461-Codes Office of the Chief Signal Officer  
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SUBJECT: Issue of 131-A-1 and M-228 Equipment.

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By authority of the  
 CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER  
 Initials Date

*[Signature]* 1 Aug 43

1. The War Department has authorized the discussion of the technical aspects of the 131-A-1 applique unit using double transmitter distributors with interested British services.
2. The 131-A-1 applique unit for use with enciphering tapes may be installed in British headquarters for use in liaison with United States Army headquarters. This equipment may be operated by the British.
3. The following policy should be used as a guide in the issue and use of the equipment:
  - a. The 131-A-1 equipment with double transmitter distributors will be used for combined communication on wire circuits only. It is not contemplated that this equipment will be used for combined radio communication.
  - b. The 131-A-1 equipment will be United States owned and installed. The equipment may be installed on wire lines under British or combined control, the maintenance of the lines and switching equipment to be British or combined as the case may be. It is realized that it will be necessary for British line maintenance personnel to test through the 131-A-1 equipment on British controlled lines in performance of their duties, however, only authorized personnel will handle the classified tapes. The 131-A-1 equipment itself will be maintained by United States Army personnel.
  - c. All systems including tapes and key lists will be prepared by the Chief Signal Officer, United States Army. Different systems, including tapes and key lists, will be prepared for each separate net.
  - d. The classification of the traffic handled will be limited to United States RESTRICTED and CONFIDENTIAL; British CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET.

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4. The War Department has authorized the issue of the Converter M-228 to be used on land lines under British or combined control. The Converter M-228 will not be shown to, discussed with, nor operated by anyone other than authorized personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States.

5. The following policy should be used as a guide in the issue and use of the M-228 on land-line circuits under British or combined control.

a. The terminal equipment must be under exclusive United States military control. United States Army personnel will install and maintain the Converter M-228 and associated equipment as well as the wire circuit as far as the outside of the code room.

b. Terminal and switching equipment through which land-line circuits pass, carrying M-228 traffic, must be under United States Army supervision.

For the Chief Signal Officer:



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