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TO : C/S

DATE: 21 Jul 1953

FROM : R/D

SUBJECT: Visit to Commercial Organizations in Europe

The attached memorandum was concurred in by the S/ASST, however, since he has been on leave and since little time remains, it is requested that R/D be authorized to take the necessary steps to arrange for the visits specified in the memorandum. These actions will be coordinated with the S/ASST.

Limited to one R/D representative, preferably
Mr. Barlow.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT

1. In connection with the forthcoming UK/US COMSEC Conference to be held in London in October 1953, R/D has nominated several individuals, including Messrs. H. C. Barlow, J. R. Chiles, M. M. Mathews, and B. G. Erickson to participate in the Conference itself or in the informal discussions which are to precede it. It is assumed that the S/ASST will head the U. S. delegation.

2. As previously discussed, it is thought that serious consideration should be given to the proposal that the S/ASST, along with several of the above-named representatives of R/D, visit, preferably prior to the London meetings, some of the commercial organizations in Europe which are engaged in the development and production of cryptographic equipment, in order to gain some first-hand knowledge of the scope of their activities and, if possible, information on the specific equipments which they have under development or in production, their engineering and manufacturing techniques, etc. It is felt that any information thus gained will be of considerable value to various activities within this Agency, and, further, that the people best qualified to glean such information are those engaged in the development of similar equipment here.

3. Among the organizations which should be visited, if appropriate arrangements can be made, are:

Aktiebolaget Cryptoteknik
Nordenflychtsvagen 62
Stockholm, Sweden
(and also Hagelin's establishment
at Zug, Switzerland)

Olivetti
Ivrea (Aosta) Italy

Ottico Meccanica Italiana
Valco di S. Paolo
Rome, Italy

Dr. Edgar Gretener, A.G.
Elektromechanik und Lichttechnik
Zurich, Switzerland

Atheneum-Stiftung
Vaduz, Liechtenstein

4. Your comments on the best approach to the problem of arranging for these visits and any further suggestions you may have will be appreciated.

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