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SUBJECT: Photographic Project, Signal Intelligence Installations and Activities, MTO, for Historical Purposes.

TO: Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, APO 512, % Postmaster, New York, New York. Attention: FHSIG-1.

- authority to have appropriately classified motion and still pictures made of the local installations and activities of the Signal Security Agency, for historical and training purposes. There is attached a copy of the correspondence pertaining to the project, in which there are set forth the measures to be taken by the Signal Security Agency to safeguard the material to be produced. It will be noted that only two copies will be made, both to be delivered to the Signal Security Agency upon completion; all personnel engaged on the project will have the type of clearance required for cryptographic personnel /war Department letter A.G. 311.5 (16 Dec 43)0B-S-B-M of 24 Dec 43, subject: Clearance of Personnel for Cryptographic Duties/; during production the film will not be shown to anyone not cleared for the project or approved by the Commanding Officer, Signal Security Agency; and no copies will be retained by the Army Pictorial Service or filed outside the Signal Security Agency.
- 2. A similar project has already been approved for the Signal Intelligence Service installations and activities of the European Theater of Operations, under safeguards similar to those described above. It is suggested that a similar project for the signal intelligence installations and activities in your theater would be desirable, if one has not already been initiated. Information in this regard is requested.
- 3. Referring to the attached correspondence, it will also be noted that as regards the record to be made of Signal Security Agency installations and activities, the record will consist of two parts, it having developed that good motion pictures of interior operations and activities would be impractical to make without extensive preparations and the installation of special lighting fixtures. It is likely that similar conditions in your installations will also make it desirable to restrict the motion picture record to outside buildings and areas. Moreover, it is believed that the film

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If a project has been or will be initiated in your theater, this office would appreciate having, as soon as practicable, a copy of the detailed plans drawn up for making the motion picture and film strip records. Coordination of similar projects in the several theaters and their integration with the Signal Security Agency project is deemed highly desirable. It is proposed that the motion picture film and set of film strips prepared within each theater should tell a wellknit story of the activities within that theater, but at the same time, the respective local stories should, if possible be capable of being integrated with the motion picture film and set of film strips prepared for the operations of the Signal Security Agency. Thus, it is hoped that a complete, accurate, factual, but nevertheless highly interesting record . of the entire signal intelligence operations of the U.S. Army during the present war will result from the effective collaboration of all concerned. Such a final record of the signal intelligence agencies of the Army should be very valuable for historical as well as training purposes.

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To: Chief, Army Pictorial Service, Room 50 1073, The

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For comment on recommendation contained in second indorsement.

(Signed and sent out 7 May 1945)

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Basic Ltr: ASF, Signal Security Agency, Washington 25, D.C., dtd 16 March 45, file SPSIS-3, subject: Photographic Project, Signal Intelligence Installations and Activities, SWPA, for Historical Purposes.

1st Ind. SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, USAFFE, APO 923, 4 April 1945.

TO: Chief Signal Officer, GHQ, SWPA, APO 500.

1. For your consideration.

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/s/ A. Sinkov A. SINKOV, Colonel, Signal Corps, Commanding.

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General Headquarters, southwest pacific area, A.P.O. 500, 17 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Signal Security Agency.

The proposed photographic project covering the Signal Intelligence installations and activities in the Southwest Pacific Area, as outlined in the basic letter, is concurred in by this headquarters. It is recommended, however, that an officer who has had experience in the preparation and carrying out of plans for providing such photographic coverage, together with the necessary cryptographically cleared photographic personnel be sent to the theater for this purpose.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

M. M. FINCH Brigadier General, U. S. Army Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Photographic Project, Signal Intelligence Installations and Activities, IBT, for Historical Purposes.

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