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15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Photographic Project, Signal Intelligence Instal-

lations and Activities, ETO, for Historical

Purposes.

TO: Director, Signal Intelligence Division,

European Theater of Operations.

1. In accordance with radiogram 1 Feb 45, there is attached a copy of the recent correspondence between this office and the Hq., Army Pictorial Service, Washington, regarding the preparation of a pictorial record of the local Signal Security Agency installations and activities, for historical purposes.

- 2. It will be noted that 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 strips and accompanying sound records will be quite satisfactory for historical purposes and technically better for training purposes than a complete motion picture record. Your proposal to record the installations and operations of Corps and Army Radio Intelligence activities is regarded as being very pertinent and this part of the record is deemed to be very important.
  - 3. This office would appreciate having, as soon as practicable, a copy of the detailed plans drawn up for making the motion pictures and film strip records of signal intelligence installations and activities under your direction. Coordination of similar projects in the several theaters and their integration with the SSA 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 well-knit 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

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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.

4. In view of the close cooperation between the U.S.A. Signal Intelligence organizations and GC&CS, it was deemed advisable that the latter be advised of the project and the plans for the safeguarding thereof, in order to allay any misapprehensions which might be engendered by an accidental or premature disclosure of the project if it were initiated without their prior knowledge. With this in view, the SSA Liaison Representative at GC&CS has been informed of the project and asked to advise GC&CS as per the attached copy of Annex F to a recent information letter to him.

W. Preston Corderman Colonel, Signal Corps Commanding

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Incl. 1. Ltr to Chief, Army Pic. Serv., dtd 17 Nov 44.

Incl. 2. Annex F to Info Ltr to Lisison Officer, dtd 8 Feb 45.

