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1. It is with considerable pleasure that I forward the results of the conference held at this Agency in December 1960. The broad scope of the conference discussions permitted cognizant personnel from both sides to complete amendments to the June 1960 [redacted] NSA (COSA) agreement on Operational Standards. In addition, the conference provided an initial approach to the establishment of Basic Technical Standards and Systems Standards.

2. It was agreed that the Operational Standards, as amended, and future additions thereto, be binding upon ratification by the Directors [redacted]. Further, it was agreed that the establishment of Basic Technical Standards and Systems Standards and future additions thereto also be binding upon ratification. The purpose of this letter is to provide formal NSA ratifications.

3. I understand that notification of your ratification of the completed Operational Standards (Incl 2 of the attachment) and the first approach to the establishment of Basic Technical Standards and Systems Standards (Incl 3 and 4 of the attachment) will constitute final agreement to the conference report.

4. The sincere cooperation of your representatives during the conference was greatly appreciated. The results obtained will lead to standardization for effective solution of our mutual problems in the future.

L. H. FROST,  
 Vice Admiral, USN  
 Director

Incl:

[redacted] Conference Report (5 copies)

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M/R: During November, personnel from [redacted] requested a Facilities Meeting to discuss and rationalize controversial areas of the COSA/S standardization agreement of June 1960. A conference was held during the period 5-16 December 1960 where the June 1960 agreements were updated. These agreements were concurred [redacted]

13 Jan 60. However, during the next meeting the problem of equipment outputs 600 ohms and levels will have to be resolved.

*J. M. Gallo*

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