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SUBJECT: Department of State Maintenance of Military Attache
Cryptographic Machines

TO: Director, Office of Departmental Administration
        Department of State
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1. It is understood that the State Department has personnel who are stationed at various embassies throughout the world, who are trained in the maintenance of cryptographic machines, and who make regularly scheduled visits to other embassies in their areas for the purpose of performing preventive maintenance. The Department of the Army has a program under way to provide all Military Attaches with cipher machines similar to those used by the State Department. These machines, although essential to Military Attache communications, will not be given a great deal of use in the course of a year. Thus, mechanical failures should be kept to a minimum.

2. In view of the existence of established maintenance schedules within the State Department, and the relative ease of entry and diplomatic privileges accorded State Department technicians, it is believed that the most efficient and economical maintenance arrangement possible for the Military Attaches is to have them included on the maintenance schedules of the State Department. Therefore, it is requested that, when convenient, the State Department technicians include the maintenance of Military Attache cryptographic machines in those locations where the State Department has cryptographic machines.

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5. If this arrangement is approved, it is suggested that the details of implementing it be settled by the Army Security Agency, Department of the Army, and the Division of Cryptography, Department of State.

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