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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Special Cryptologic Advisory Group

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Chairman, Research and Development Board, Serial 00104 AFSA-OOB/jow, from Rear Admiral Earl E. Stone, U. S. Navy, Director, Armed Forces Security Agency, dated 23 February 1951

1. Your proposal and plans to establish a Special Cryptologic Advisory Group (SCAG) sponsored jointly by AFSA and RDB appear to be very advantageous. These plans are similar to those of the Special Technical Advisory Group (STAG) which has recently been established jointly by JCS and RDB in the field of electronic countermeasures. This type arrangement has proven very satisfactory and has made it possible to obtain the services of highly competent personnel which otherwise might not be available.

2. I would, therefore, suggest that we proceed in accordance with the main points of your memorandum, namely:

- a. That a Special Cryptologic Advisory Group (SCAG) be sponsored jointly by AFSA and the RDB.
- b. That provision be made by RDB for payment of subsistence and travel expenses, as well as consultant fees, in accordance with existing policies.
- c. That no formal charter is necessary at this time.
- d. That the SCAG will operate on an informal basis, providing expert technical assistance to AFSA by serving as consultants in mathematics, computing machinery, and other fields of special concern to AFSA.

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3. As soon as the choice of qualified personnel has been agreed upon jointly by AFSA and RDB, I would recommend that your Agency make the initial contact and explain the work required. Thereafter the RDB can process the necessary papers to have such individuals designated as consultants with provision for payment of travel, per diem and appropriate fees. I believe Mr. Speakman has had some preliminary discussion with Capt. Harper on this subject, and he is ready to assist you in working out the necessary details.

4. If the RDB can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know, as the importance of the work in this field justifies increased emphasis.

/s/

Wm. Webster
WILLIAM WEBSTER
Chairman

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