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From: Director, Naval Communications
To: Director, Armed Forces Security Agency

Subj: Disposal of Surplus Crypto-equipment

Ref: (a) AFSAO:66/30 memorandum of 28 SEP 1951

1. Reference (a) requested that the Director, Armed Forces Security Agency be notified of the U.S. Navy policy with respect to the disposal of surplus M-209 (CSP 1500) equipments.

2. The U.S. Navy has incorporated these devices in the Registered Publication System and no release to civilian markets has been contemplated. Navy stock is considered to be reserve, not surplus, and at the present time the U.S. Marine Corps is using the CSP 1500 for training. Unserviceable equipments have been turned in to the Cryptographic Repair Facilities for destruction.

3. The Director, Naval Communications concurs in the advisability of a uniform policy within the Department of Defense as recommended in reference (a). When production of the Mechanical Cipher Machine (MCM) is sufficient to ensure its adequate distribution within the naval service, the U.S. Navy will consider favorably the adoption of such a policy.

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