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~~**SECRET**~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, STATE-DEFENSE MILITARY INFORMATION CONTROL COMMITTEE:

Subject: Release of Cryptographic Material or Equipment to Foreign Governments.

1. In the past there have been several instances in which cryptographic materials or equipment have been approved for release to foreign governments before the Director, Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA), has had an opportunity to comment upon the advisability of such release. Decisions to release cryptographic materials or equipment should be based on many factors, some of which are highly technical in nature. Within AFSA there is the concentration of skilled personnel and technical information required to provide the basis for evaluating some of the factors your committee must weigh in making its decision. AFSA is therefore equipped and anxious to provide you with this service.

2. Requests by the Services for the release of cryptographic material or equipment to foreign governments will ordinarily be coordinated with the Director, AFSA, prior to submission to your committee. This is not necessarily true of requests from other sources. Therefore, it is requested that the comments of the Director, AFSA, be solicited before S-DMICC acts upon any request for the release of cryptographic material or equipment to foreign governments.

3. Any comments you may have on this matter will be appreciated.

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