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1. As a result of Army-Navy correspondence on the subject of ANCRECC, Admiral Denfeld addressed a letter to the Research and Development Board in which he

a. Requested that a panel be set up in the Research and Development Board under the Electronics Committee with Security Equipment as its field of interest and

b. That in view of the security desired only NME personnel be on this panel, i.e., no civilian membership.

2. The Executive Council of the RDB has forwarded Admiral Denfeld's letter to the Electronics Committee, agreeing with the establishment of a Panel under the Electronics Committee, but disagreeing with exclusion of civilian, i.e., not NME personnel from this panel.

3. Admiral Denfeld's letter is to be considered by the Electronics Committee in its meeting scheduled for 24 February 1949.

4. Admiral Denfeld's letter was discussed informally at the Communications Panel meeting of 10 February. Principal points made were:

a. Too many panels already

b. Scope of the work did not call for Panel Status

c. Close integration with Terminal Equipment would be essential in RDB considerations.

The uninstructed consensus of opinion was that security equipment belongs within the field of interest of the subpanel on Terminal Equipment (telephone, facsimile, teletype etc.). The decision reached by the Communications Panel was to take no formal action, but to instruct representatives on the Electronics Committee prior to the meeting scheduled for 24 February 1949.

5. The Army Security Agency representation on the RDB is as follows:

a. Electronics Committee

Member - none

Associate Member - Mr. Leo Rosen, (Dr. Kullback - Alternate)

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b. Communications Panel

Member - Mr. Leo Rosen, (Dr. Kullback - Alternate)

c. Subpanel on Terminal Equipment

Member - Mr. Leo Rosen, (Dr. Kullback - Alternate)

d. Subpanel on Systems

Member - Mr. W. Brann

It is to be noted that a member can invite observers or experts to any meeting as desired.

6. Dr. A. Tredup (Bell Telephone Labs) is a member of the Communications Panel, and Chairman of the Terminal Equipment Subpanel. The other Army representative is Mr. Harry Farmer (SCEL)

7. It is recommended that

a. Security equipment be considered in the field of interest of the Subpanel on Terminal Equipment.

b. Mr. W. Brann be made an alternate to Mr. Leo Rosen if the RFB decides in accordance with (a) above.

c. The senior Army representative be advised of this Agency's desire as in (a) above in compliance with Logistics Division policy requiring unanimity of Army membership at RFB meetings. The senior Army representative on the Electronics Committee is Colonel W. R. Petsing (X-9986).

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