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1. The attached Manual of Cryptology prepared by the Adjutant General School at Fort Washington, Maryland, in October 1943, has been reviewed. Although this Manual represents a good attempt in its field from sources available to the compilers at the time, it does not represent a complete or adequate coverage of the field. There is probably more source material available on this subject at this Agency than at any other place. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of this Agency to prepare such a manual as provided in the 6 September 1945 AG letter establishing the ASA, Par. 5 of this letter stating:

"5. The Chief, Army Security Agency, will be responsible for the following signal intelligence and communications security activities:

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"(h) Determination of doctrines, techniques and the preparation of field manuals and training literature."

And certainly the preparation of any manual on Cryptology for the Army is covered in this statement.

2. It is recommended therefore that the ASA not concur in the publication of the subject document, but that it be used provisionally until replaced by an official manual to be prepared at ASA in the near future.

3. A copy of the attached manual is requested for file in this office.

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