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SUBJECT

Digest of Staff Conference, 27 October 1953

TO Chiefs of Offices and
Staff Divisions

FROM

C/S

DATE 28 Oct. 1953

COMMENT NO. 1

1. CHIEF OF STAFF

- a. Announced that the "R" Building was not accepted by NSA.
- b. Discussed progress on the COMSEC Directives and reiterated the necessity for early completion of NSA proposed implementation directive.
- c. Stated that the primary purpose of the weekly Digest of Staff Conference, distributed by C/S, was to touch only upon the high spots of subjects mentioned and thereby point out the need for follow-up action.

2. PRODUCTION

- a. Stated that now the "R" Building is a past issue, PROD would review and revise their plans for the interim move to Fort Meade.
- b. Mentioned that PROD was preparing numerous papers for presentation at the conference of 12-13 November.
- c. Discussed the briefing by NSA of the new G-2, DA, tentatively scheduled for 20 November 1953. Added that the actual length of the briefing has not as yet been determined.

3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- a. Stated that a study of the COMSEC Directive was being conducted by a group specifically appointed for the purpose.
- b. Mentioned that to implement the action properly, required by COMSEC Directive, dated 20 Oct. 1953, RADAC would assume the implementing responsibility and supersede the AFSA Technical Committee.
- c. Reported that Professor Menzel, from Harvard, was here last week discussing intercept possibilities in the northern areas.

4. COMPTROLLER

- a. Commented that the budget document for FY-55 had been completed and will be made available to SECDEF upon his request.
- b. Stated that effective 23 Oct. 1953, PERS was reviewing all position grades 12 and above, formerly performed by COMP.

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a. Reported that finally the 1,000 chairs which had been ordered for PROD had arrived.

b. Stated that Lt. Col. Toliver was to be appointed Deputy Chief, LOG, effective 1 November 1953.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS

Reported that [redacted] the Director and reported that the cable between GCHQ and NSA would be available next week.

7. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY

a. Announced that the proposed change of method devised for providing titles of cryptographic equipment would allow greater flexibility of designators for equipment titles and be consistent with their use.

b. C/SEC has authorized certain arrangements of cryptographic and communications equipment for secure on-line transmission of COMINT only.

8. PLANS AND POLICY

a. Noted for the benefit of C/SEC and R/D that only two copies of the COMSEC Directive had been received from the National Security Council, but added that apparently no changes were made and that all planning could be accomplished by utilizing the draft copies retained in the Hqs.

b. Reported that Mr. Erskine, NSAEUR, would arrive 6 Nov. 1953 for conference and that Col. Pulling, SUSLO, would be here for the Conference of 12-13 Nov. 1953.

9. SECURITY

Announced that SEC had accomplished the initial security processing of 15 persons scheduled for VHFS.

10. PERSONNEL

a. Stated that PERS was touring PROD and was discussing civilian and military personnel problems, adding that PERS planned to tour R/D and C/SEC at a later date.

b. Mentioned that NSA's attention to a career program for the Agency is proceeding satisfactorily.

11. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Reported that TEC had completed a tour of the Library at the Department of Agriculture and that it was highly informative. Remarked that although this institution had been established for a long period, that up-to-date methods of

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administration were in evidence. Added that TEC contemplated a visit to the Library of the Department of State next week.

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12. HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

Discussed the receipt of many requests during recent months for the procurement and installation of air-conditioning equipment. Requested that it be brought to the attention of all concerned that funds allocated for air-conditioning equipment will be used only to remedy unsatisfactory operational conditions.

13. COLLECTION

Reported that the backlog of messages existing had been cleared.

14. ANALYSIS

Reported that overseas elements were experiencing difficulty in procuring necessary technical data from local sources because of the lack of funds. Noted that it was necessary for these units to obtain the necessary funds from the U.S. for each procurement. (TEC will make arrangements for necessary local purchases.)

15. MACHINE PROCESSING

The following correction to the Digest of Staff Conference, 20 Oct. 1953, was requested by Capt. Goodwin, MACH PROC: "Reported that the costly NSA SLED cryptanalytic machines were undergoing an enforced idleness, over intermittent periods, caused by failure of the air-conditioning system at AHS. Emphasized the need for NSA to have its own air-conditioning engineers and maintenance personnel if waste such as is being encountered in the present instance is to be avoided in the future.

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