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29 May 1946

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Commander-in-Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Intelligence Material, Top Secret "Cream" and Top Secret "Covert", Dissemination of.

1. It is the desire of the Chief of Naval Operations that all information from Top Secret "Cream" and Top Secret "Covert" sources which has any intelligence value, however slight, flow to the two Commanders-in-Chief for their use. Evaluations produced by the Chief of Naval Operations will be disseminated to the Commanders-in-Chief, Pacific and Atlantic Fleets, and to the commanders of active fleets within their commands. Intelligence summaries and evaluations prepared by the Commanders-in-Chief will be furnished to the Chief of Naval Operations by despatch or by mail as appropriate.

2. Top Secret "Cream" and Top Secret "Covert" classifications apply to intelligence material the content and the sources of which may not be divulged to any personnel other than those who have been properly indoctrinated in the special security measures necessary to maintain the secrecy of the material. In the past, disclosures of Cream material outside of controlled channels have resulted in either a total loss of production, or at best, have greatly impeded progress in that field. Disclosure of Covert sources may involve the safety of personnel as well as elimination of the source of their information.

3. It must be recognized that security requirements cannot be permitted to impede the dissemination of this highly classified material to the commanders who must use it. Our security measures must be designed and executed to insure physical and cryptographic security. Disclosures by individuals to persons not authorized to receive the information, either through careless talk or intention, must be guarded against continuously. Appropriate disciplinary penalties for failures by individuals to comply with security measures will be invoked in all cases.

4. CSP 1805 is currently under revision. The revised edition will reflect certain standardized basic measures common to both Army and Navy Security Regulations for handling this material. One of these is the designation of the senior intelligence officer as "Special Security Officer" (SSO) on the

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staff of each holder of Crypto Channel 35 S. By copy of this letter, all holders of Crypto Channel 35 S are directed to make this designation. All holders will acknowledge receipt of this letter by despatch to the Chief of Naval Operations (Op-20-G). The "Special Security Officer" is charged with the responsibility for the security in handling Top Secret "Green" and "Covert" material within the command which he serves in accordance with CSP 1805. Captain Carl F. Espe, USN, (Op-23-Y) is hereby designated as "Special Security Officer" for the Chief of Naval Operations.

5. Dissemination by mail from CNO to CINCPAC will include all translated material from Green sources of any intelligence value and all traffic analyses, which may be made by the Army and Navy units in Washington. Material from Covert sources will be selected on basis of interest to CINCPAC and CINCLANT. All this material will be destroyed as soon as it has served its purpose and within 30 days from receipt. Extracts of data or paraphrased information from "Green" and "Covert" material and evaluations thereof may be retained in the Top Secret "Green" and "Covert" files as long as desired.

6. Dissemination of Green and Covert materials by despatch will be effected in Crypto Channel 35 S as now established. Dissemination will be made to all or to selected holders depending on the subject matter. Such dissemination will normally be confined to summaries and to selected items of particular importance or significance.

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