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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Request for Class Determination and Findings Under 10 U. S. Code, Chapter 137 (U)

1. Pursuant to DOD Directive No. 5100.23, "Administrative Arrangements for the National Security Agency", dated 25 August 1959, this Agency utilizes the services of the military departments for effecting the procurement of equipment, supplies and services. These services are furnished, in principal part, by the Department of the Army. In the past, all contracts for NSA have been negotiated by authority of Secretarial Class Determination and Findings in that requirements of this Agency are (i) a class which may be identified as useful for a cryptologic purpose and as such should not be publicly disclosed, or (ii) the property and services are for approved experimental, developmental, or research work in the cryptologic field.

2. The ability of this Agency to accomplish its mission depends largely on its success in maintaining the security and anonymity of its activities. For this reason, all procurements, except for common supplies available through normal Government supply channels, must be negotiated to prevent the disclosure of information incident to formal advertising. In order for this Agency to continue to have procurement effected by negotiation, it is necessary that Secretarial Class Determination and Findings be made for Fiscal Year 1962, authorizing negotiation of contracts for NSA under the provisions of 10 USC 2304 (a)(12) or, where research and development also is involved, under the provisions of 10 USC 2304 (a)(11).

3. The Chief Signal Officer currently is preparing material for transmission to your office, pursuant to Section 3, Part 3 of the Army Procurement Procedures, requesting the aforementioned Class Determination and Findings. Favorable consideration of their request will be appreciated.

/s/ L. H. FROST

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M/R: Self-explanatory. This memo was coordinated with OPS (Mr. T. L. Burns on 11 May 1961).

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