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NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD 18 NOVEMBER 1943 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIGNAL SECURITY AGENCY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT

- 1. The conference was held for the row, ose of discussing a proposed survey of the cryptographic facilities of the State Department by the Signal Security agency. The Signal Security Agency was represented by Mr. Friedman, lajor Miser, and Captain Loak. The State Department was represented by Mr. Salmon and Lr. Goldsberry.
- 2. Mr. Salmon opened the discussion by presenting a memorandum dated 6 l'ovember 1943 from Lr. Stettinius to Mr. Shaw in which Lr. Stettinius pointed out that the President has expressed an interest in the security of State pepartment codes and ciphers. Pr. Stettinius then stated that an investigation of this subject by qualified representatives of the Army appeared desirable.
- 3. P.r. Friedman then made reference to a report dated 26 June 1941 of a survey made by representatives of the Signal Intelligence Service, the Office of haval Communications, and the Federal cureau of Investigation. This report was read and a discussion followed from which it appeared that almost all of the recommendations made therein have been carried out by the Department.
- 4. Discussion of a general nature now followed which brought out the following points:
 - a. The Department has allotted insufficient personnel for the proper performance of necessary cryptographic functions.
 - b. Existing office space and reproduction facilities (multilith, etc.) are inadequate.
 - c. The Assistant Security Officer has not been calegated proper responsibility over security functions of the operating division (The Division of Communications and Records) and it appears that the Security Officer has not exercised this responsibility.
- 5. At this point the question was raised as to whether the Committee had sufficient authority to go further into these matters. It was pointed out that the only existing authority was a letter from the Joint Communications Board to the Secretary of State in which the cooperation and advice of army cryptographic experts was offered. The Committee felt that this letter did not meet the requirements and Mr. Friedman asked Mr. Salmon if he would be willing to write a letter for the signature of Ar. Stettinius in which the Department would specifically request a survey. Ar. Salmon agreed to do this if requested and the matter was dropped pending further perusal of the JCB letter.

6. As a preliminary step Captain Loak was requested to make a brief survey of the systems now in use by the Department. This has been done and a copy of the report is attached hereto.

For the Committee:

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