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MEMORANDUM For: Colonel Corderman

1. In connection with Colonel Clarke's recent statement to the effect that none of the restrictions which had been imposed by G-2 upon my technical and social contacts with British and U.S. Navy signal intelligence personnel had ever been officially removed by G-2, except that I was given permission to participate in formally organized technical committees authorized to discuss signal intelligence subjects, I am submitting for your consideration a memorandum dated April 2, 1943, from me to the Chiefs of Branches B, C, D, and E of the SSS, together with their respective indorsements thereto, which speak for themselves.

2. Colonel Clarke's attitude toward me in the past has been of such a friendly nature and my personal relations with him so amicable that I can only attribute his statement to a lapse in memory, a fault to which most of humanity is subject and because of which it is very desirable to have written record of matters of social or official importance.

3. I am submitting this memorandum to you as a more or less informal token of assurance, if any be needed, that in my twenty-five years' service in a position of high trust and responsibility, I have not and do not consciously disregard or disobey specific instructions, whether written or oral, given me by superior authority. Further, I would greatly appreciate it if you would bring this memorandum, together with its enclosures, to Colonel Clarke's attention and advise me of the results thereof.

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