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1 The Act of October 3, 1890 (10 Stat. USC) states in part, "The Chief Signal Officer shall have charge, under the direction of the Secretary of War, of all military signal duties and of works, papers and devices connected therewith."

May be interpreted to include codes of ciphers. Army Regs which have the effect of law, definitely place this responsibility on the Chief Signal Officer.

a Army Reg 1901 TP 1741 changes CSO with "the preparation, distribution, & revision of the War Department Telegraph Code." Same provision contained in

1. TP 1588 A.R. 1904

TP 1574 A.R. 1908

TP 1578 A.R. 1910

2 TP 1556 A.R. 1913 same except distribution of W.D. Tel Code changed to A.G.

2 § TP 2e A.R. 105-5 Jan 14, 1922 & change No 1 October 20, 1923 + TP 2c A.R. 105-5 Jan 15, 1926 all state

"the preparation & revision of the War Department's Telegraph code and such other codes and ciphers required by the Army"

3. P2C AR 105-5 Change No. 1 May 10, 1929 & P2C AR 105-5 May 16, 1929 states:

"The preparation and revision of all codes and ciphers required by the Army and, in time of war, the interception of enemy radio and wire traffic, the geographic location of enemy radio stations, the solution of intercepted enemy codes and cipher messages and laboratory arrangements for the employment and detection of secret ciphers."

4 Change No 2 P2C AR 105-5 July 1, ~~1937~~ 1937

"The preparation, publication, revision, storage, accounting and distribution of all codes and ciphers required by the Army and in time of war the interception of enemy radio and wire traffic, the geographic location of enemy radio stations, the solution of intercepted enemy code and cipher messages and laboratory arrangements for the employment and detection of secret ciphers."

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5 AR 105-5 2820 as amended by change No. 1

CSO has following responsibilities

- (1) Code of cypher compilation
- (2) Code of cypher solution
- (3) Interception of enemy radio & wire traffic
- (4) Location of enemy radio transmitting stations by geomagnetic means
- (5) Laboratory arrangements for the employment of detection of secret codes

"b The fundamental reason for placing the responsibility for these duties upon the Chief Signal Officer is that all correlated duties in connection with secret communications may be assigned to one operating agency for efficiency of operation. To serve this purpose, these duties will be organized by the Chief Signal Officer into a single coordinated service."

c designation for this single coordinated service is suggested - Signal Intelligence Service

General Mission - "proper organization and development in peacetime to the end that the service may be prepared to operate at maximum efficiency in war."

Specific Mission - a Preparation & revision of all codes, cyphers and other means of secret communications to be employed by the Army in time of peace or war

SSS organized as single coordinated service in accordance with direction contained in letter from AG dated April 27, 1939

Says Chief of Office carries out his duties (11700 duties - cryptographic) at his own discretion "as an administrative head of the Government, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate."

If so - why wasn't he questioned as to duties?