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SUBJECT: Report of Communications Security Violations

TO:

Chief of Naval Operations (OP-30)

The Pentagon

- 1. Attached is the quarterly (July through September) compilation of communications security violations reported to or noted by this Agency which occurred in communications of those Navy stations which handle COMINT traffic. Your Office has been notified of completed evaluations of possible compromises which are reported herein as violations.
- 2. This report is furnished primarily for guidance in improving the security of COMINT communications. Similar reports are forwarded to Chief, Army Security Agency, and Commander, U. S. Air Force Security Service. Upon request, additional copies of this report will be provided in sufficient quantity for dissemination to those activities under your command engaged in COMINT operations.
- 3. Extracts from this quarterly summary may be classified SECRET if the extracts are restricted to lists of violations which involve messages classified no higher than SECRET. For example, the list of violations committed by an activity which originates messages classified no higher than SECRET may be extracted and forwarded to that activity as SECRET material. The key list is SECRET in classification,
- 4. This correspondence may be downgraded to SECRET upon removal of Inclosure 1.

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2 Incls:

- 1. Communications Security Violations by Navy Stations.
- 2. Key List of Navy Violations.

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M/R: This is a compilation of communications security violations committed by Navy COMINT stations during July, August, and September, 1954. A similar report will be forwarded to Chief, ASA, and COMDR, USAFSS.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY VIOLATIONS BY NAVY STATIONS

DIG	TRIGRAPH	KEY NO.	,	REMARKS
			USN-11 JULY	
191333Z 270833Z	EPD FSR	2d. 2b		Broke on DZDJX vice DRDJX Broke on UCACQ vice UCACR
			AUGUST	
071404Z 071436Z 160930Z 260510Z 270043Z 281125Z 300947Z	DYN DYU FIJ GWZ HAC ITJ HNI	2d 2d 4a 2c 2d 4a 4a		Broke on MEHGG vice MOMGG Broke on ZDHSG vice ZDVSG Broke on AA vice DD Broke on FMUQG vice FMUQC Broke on SQTZX vice SQAZX Broke on DD vice AA Broke on BB vice AA
			SEPTEMBER	
041235Z 042155Z 082156Z 140747Z 150200Z 150248Z 172133Z 202205Z 210241Z 240521Z 271904Z	IIX INX DWW HFR KIR GGG KVZ LIN LIZ IXE MEK	4a 2b 2d 2d 2b 4a 2d 2c 2b	****** 7.0	Broke on AA vice BB Broke on YVWYQ vice YVXYQ Broke on ZXYDH vice ZXLDH Broke on NHPOO vice NPHOO Broke on PWSTR vice PWBTR Broke on YEPUX vice YEPUM Broke on SIIMI vice SHIMI Broke on CC vice DD Broke on VZLKE vice VHLKE Broke on GCVVN vice GCZVN Broke on APUQF vice APVQF
			<u>USN-12</u>	
151500Z	ABF	1	USN-13 AUGUST	Broke on AM rotor arrangement
030340Z 150410Z	AVB FNH	2d 2d		Broke on GNZOU vice GNZOB Broke on AQWMU vice SQWMU

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DIG	TRIGRAPH	KEY NO.		REMARKS
	-		usn-14	•
	·	•	AUGUST	
110130z 261550z	BKP ECD	2d 2b		Broke on FWFJM vice SBFJM Broke on ECLIF vice ECLKF
			usn-18	
			AUGUST	•
031600z 282202z	ADK ATM	2d. 3	·	Broke on JVBPV vice FVBPV Broke using trigraph AYM
			USN-19	
			JULY	
211055Z	DQA	2đ		Broke on FJDNE vice FJDNH
			SEPTEMBER	
151940Z 301842Z	CPV EQB	2d 2d		Broke on RXAGR vice GXAGR Broke on VBDHE vice VBDZE
			<u>usn-20</u>	
			AUGUST	
120002Z 120015Z 120022Z 120157Z 120203Z		l+a l+a l+a l+a l+a		Broke on BB vice AA
			SEPTEMBER	
1300462	ALB	2đ		Broke on RHEOQ vice RHEVQ
			<u>usn-26</u>	•
			SEPTEMBER	
030100Z	BAE	2 đ		Broke on HCXYL vice HCXUL

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VIOLATIONS (Cont'd)

DIG	TRIGRAPH	KEY NO.		REMARKS
		ı	<u>usn-27</u>	
			SEPTEMBER	
051402 132014		1 2d		Broke on AM rotor arrangement Broke on AYKAT vice AYKUT
			USN-39	
			JULY	
170152 272041		2d. 2d.		Broke on CIXCT vice CIXIT Broke on BIGUK vice BIQUK
			USN-40	ı
			AUGUST	
\$40156	Z ARA	2d		Broke on KDHCW vice ZSHCW

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KEY LIST OF NAVY VIOLATIONS

July, August, September, 1954

ROTOR ARRANGEMENT

1. Use of a rotor arrangement for an inappropriate cryptoperiod, day or month. (Reference AFSAG 1262, para 5006a(1))

ROTOR ALIGNMENT AND MESSAGE INDICATOR

2. Discrepancy between the message rotor alignment resulting from decipherment of the message indicator and the message rotor alignment actually required to decipher the message, although the latter was correctly derived. The discrepancy involves (a) transposition of letters, (b) substitution of a letter alphabetically adjacent to the correct letter, (c) substitution of a phonetically similar letter, or (d) errors in encipherment.

KEY GROUP

3. The trigraphic key-group indicator in the message indicator did not correspond to the key group actually used for encipherment. Re-use of a key group was not involved. (Reference AFSAG 1262, para 5004b)

MACHINE DESIGNATOR AND MULTISWITCH SETTING

4. The machine designator in the message indicator did not correspond to the multiswitch setting used for encipherment. The messages were (a) correctly enciphered or (b) incorrectly enciphered. (Reference AFSAG 1262, para 6002a(1))

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