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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS
INTELLIGENCE BOARD.

The Chairman of the London Signal Intelligence Board has asked me to pass the following message to you:-

" My attention has been drawn by a number of authorities to the exposures in Chapter 3 of Admiral Theobald's recently published book entitled "The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor", the text of which is also published in the "U.S. News and World Report" dated 2nd April.

While most of the book reveals nothing from the Sigint point of view beyond what has already appeared in the report of the Congressional Enquiry, there is one statement that, so far as we are aware, has not been published before, namely, that one of the batch of six purple machines manufactured in U.S. was given to U.K. before Pearl Harbor. Thus crypt-analytic co-operation between the U.S. and the U.K. before our two countries were official allies is admitted.

I would be grateful for your views and comments on this disclosure".

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(signed)

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Colonel.

Enclosure 1 with USCIB 13.5/69 dtd 25 May 54.

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UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
 OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USCIB:

Subject: Revelation of US-UK Cryptanalytic Cooperation Prior to
 Pearl Harbor Attack.

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1. The information set forth below is in response to your message delivered by hand of Colonel [] and requesting our views and comment on certain aspects of RADM Theobald's recently published book entitled "The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor."

2. While USCIB deplors the publication in question it has not been able to find any security violation therein nor any basis for action against either author or publisher.

3. With specific reference to the point of revelation of US-UK cryptanalytic cooperation before our two countries were official allies the following extract from page 85 of Part 34 of the Report of the Pearl Harbor Investigation, 79th Congress, 1st Session forms a part of the public record in the U.S.:

"PART 34
 PROCEEDINGS OF CLARKE INVESTIGATION
 PART II
 FINDINGS
 Testimony of William F. Friedman

". . . after we solved the Purple system, the technical data necessary to operate the system and a machine constructed by ourselves were turned over to the British so they were in a position to process Purple messages also. . .

"GENERAL CLARKE: On approximately what date did we give the Purple Machine to the British?

"MR. FRIEDMAN: I recall that very clearly. A joint U.S. Navy—U.S. Army cryptanalytic mission consisting of four officers, two from each service, went to London for the purpose of establishing technical cooperation with the British cryptanalytic service. It was at that time the Army furnished a Purple Machine and the technical data to the British."

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4. In the course of investigating this incident it has been learned RADM Theobald (now retired) was never a recipient of COMINT and apparently used no classified sources in writing his book. These facts are sufficient to explain why the manuscript was not submitted for review prior to publication.

5. USCIB's policy with regard to public utterances containing COMINT information already a matter of public record is to require its members to take all feasible administrative action to insure prior review of the material and to discourage by all reasonable means the repetition therein of revelations which are considered to be still of a damaging nature. It is recognized that this does not provide very effective insurance.

6. It is hoped that the above will serve to answer your request for views and comments on this matter.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Chairman

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