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Colonel Collins

Col Horton and Col Melick have worked out a mutually satisfactory arrangement re badges for visitors. Col Horton says there is no longer a need for this letter. May I send it back to him?

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Col Horton*

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Authorization for AFSA-123 to Admit Visitors to NSS.

1. Among the functions of AFSA-123 is the responsibility for arranging for entrance to the Naval Security Station of foreign visitors, and U. S. personnel representing any of the member agencies of USCIB, who may have occasion to visit this station for the purpose of individual or group conferences on matters relating to COMINT.

2. During the period of conferences with British personnel (September-November, 1950) AFSA-123 was provided with a number of "CONFERENCE" badges which could be issued to visitors upon the determination of AFSA-123 that such visitors were properly cleared and indoctrinated, and had valid reason to be present on the station. In January, however, it was directed that all "CONFERENCE" badges be returned to AFSA-16, in that the admittance of visitors to the station was the responsibility of that Division alone.

3. The responsibility and authority of AFSA-16 in this matter is not questioned. In the interest of simplicity and expediency, however, it is requested that consideration be given to returning to the procedure previously employed. Experience since the return of the "CONFERENCE" badges has proved that the normal procedure, when used with any degree of regularity is cumbersome, and frequently results in delays for visitors at the gate-house. These delays are embarrassing to the visitor and to the Agency as well.

4. Accordingly, it is believed that responsibility for the admittance of visitors to this Station, when their presence here is concerned only with matters relating to COMINT under the cognizance of

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USCIB can be assumed by AFSA-123, which section is thoroughly aware of the visitors' ~~status~~ business, status of clearance, and expected time of arrival.

5. It is understood that approval of this procedure would permit the Head of AFSA-123, who is charged with the final determination of whether such visitors shall be admitted, to deal directly with the visitor concerned.

6. It is understood that, in the issuance of such badges, AFSA-123 would be directly responsible ~~to~~ and accountable to AFSA-16.