

9 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : Support for Externally-Held Assets

REFERENCE: OFDA-680 dated 17 July 1961, Subject as Above

1. I had separate conversations with AC/DOB and [] of Commo/P&O on 8 August.

2. [] came to my office and started to give me Commo's answers verbally on the questions raised by subject dispatch. Since we both agreed that more will be called for in preparing headquarters' response to SWPE than categorical ~~yes~~ or ~~no~~ or brief objective answers, [] agreed with me that the best approach for him would be to get in touch with AC/DOB for the purpose of making arrangements for a visit to DOB by someone from Commo to develop ammunition needed to do justice to SWPE's line of inquiry. [] plans to have [] Deputy Chief of the Telecommunications and Training Staff of Commo meet at DOB with [] and the Commo Training Officers assigned to DOB for training duties on ANDEPOT. [] and I discussed some of the facts of life with respect to questions 3.c., d., and e. We agreed that responsibilities for developing the answers or, in effect, headquarters' positions with respect to the stock-piling of communications and other types of equipment items, and whether or not something should be done about having signal plans ready and available for ANDEPOT agents, (on the basis of the anticipated wartime deployment of each individual agent to a particular JCS-sponsored U/W requirement) should be shared jointly between Commo and SR Division. For example, the question of whether or not commo equipment should be brought with the agent or stock-piled overseas would require a decision made on the basis of experience, doctrinal, R&D, and/or other factors on which SR and Commo have varying degrees of knowledge. As for signal plans, the answer to SWPE's question is "no". However, in arriving at a suitable explanation or rationale for doing nothing about signal plans, consultation between Commo and DOB and ultimately between DOB and the Division staff may well point up the need to make some adjustment, the net result of which would be that changed

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circumstances now indicate the need to go into the preparation of signal plans on the basis of the locations to which AEDEPOT agents would be expected to be deployed in the event of the onset of war conditions.

3. I talked to [] [] by phone along the lines suggested in paragraph 2., above. He will stand by in expectation of a call from [] [] Perry agrees with me that SWPE's questions are deserving of a study at close compass to determine whether or not there is anything further we can do to prepare ourselves for war that we are not already doing. I will let WPS know that we are undertaking a joint study of these problem areas as a prerequisite to the development of answers to the sort of questions raised by SWPE.

[] []
SR/COP/PL

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