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Study on Operational Clearances.

1. In accordance with your telephonic request, I am sending you herewith a tabulation with respect to the time required in STC for the granting of operational clearances. The attached chart is self-explanatory.

2. While my statement concerning "two to six or eight months" appears to be an exaggeration in relation to the cases cited, you will note that even under the best conditions (i.e., when field traces are sent promptly) the average time is three months from the time clearance is requested to the time when full clearance is granted. Some cases at other desks have taken six months.

3. I should also like to make the point that a provisional clearance is virtually worthless for W/T operators (most of the KIBITZ cases are in this category) since these agents cannot proceed with intermediate and advanced W/T training until full clearance is granted.

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Project	Date Clearance Requested	Field Traces Sent	Provisional Clearance Granted	Full Clearance	Approximate Time Required
Caglio 2	11/2/52	25/4/52	12/3/52	None yet	4 months thus far
Calamus 3	25/3/52	25/3/52	7/4/52	None yet	3 months thus far
Calligraph	23/1/52	23/1/52	18/2/52	22/4/52	3 months
Capsule 281	17/7/51	2/1/51	No record	5/10/51	3 months
Cataract 2	2/11/51	6/3/51	26/11/51	29/2/52	3½ months
Kibitz 14	28/11/51	28/11/51	No record	23/1/51	2 months
Kibitz 15	29/11/51	29/11/51	No record	3/1/52	1 month
Kibitz 17	17/10/51	17/10/51	6/11/51	26/1/52	3½ months
Kibitz 150	16/4/52	7/5/52	None yet	None yet	1 month plus elapsed thus far
Kibitz 161	1/5/51	22/5/51	28/5/51	10/8/51	3 months
Kibitz 177	14/3/52	10/4/52	16/4/52	21/5/52	2 months

(A rush clearance was requested as of 12 April 1952 on K-177; all traces were in, yet a month and a half elapsed before clearance was given despite repeated nudgings.)

Kibitz 180	26/2/52	15/4/52	8/3/52	None yet	3 months elapsed thus far
Kibitz 182	31/1/52	31/1/52	28/2/52	5/5/52	3½ months
Kibitz 185	12/2/52	None yet	13/3/52	None yet	3½ months elapsed thus far. No field traces, however.
Kibitz 190	5/3/52	24/3/52	3/4/52	None yet	2½ months elapsed
Kibitz 191	14/3/52	22/4/52	21/4/52	None yet	2½ months elapsed
Kibitz 198	18/4/52	20/5/52	None yet	None yet	1 month elapsed

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