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COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Member Nations (Except Iceland)  
Supreme Allied Commander Europe  
Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic  
Channel Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of Electronic Mixers ECOLEX Mk I and II

1. The Standing Group has approved use of the ECOLEX, a development of the Netherlands Government, for the encipherment of COSMIC and NATO messages of all classifications. ECOLEX is a teletype cipher device employing one-time tapes.

2. Information concerning the capabilities, availability and the method of procurement of ECOLEX will be promulgated at a later date.

3. Only those tapes issued by DACAN or EUDAC, or approved by SECAN in accordance with the terms of SECAN Memorandum No. 2, "Approval of One-Time Tapes for NATO Use", dated 19 April 1954, may be used with ECOLEX for the encipherment of all COSMIC messages and NATO messages higher than CONFIDENTIAL.

4. Installation of ECOLEX devices should be made under the same rules as apply for SIGTOT and 5 UCO, as laid down by the Signal Divisions of the Supreme Commands.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:

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