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From: Op 322Y
To: Op 322E1
Via: Op 322

Subj: Procedures Facilitating Intelligence Exploitation of Captured Enemy Personnel

Ref: (a) JIC 456/58, Appendix "B"
(b) Amendments to JIC 456/58 by DL, USAF

1. The apparent object of the four amendments proposed in reference (b) is to expedite the initial interrogation of enemy personnel captured within the western hemisphere as defined in reference (a).
2. It is believed that reference (a) as originally submitted by G-2 provides ample authority for ASPIC to arrange with the interested Services and the Provost Marshal General such details as are proposed in the amendments without spelling them out in a high-level directive.
3. Although they may not be necessary, proposed amendments 1, 3 and 4 in reference (b) are considered harmless.
4. Amendment 2, on the other hand, raises some questions.
 - a. Under the policy quoted in reference (a), all responsibility for custody of captured enemy personnel rests upon the Army, acting under policies to be laid down by the Provost Marshal General.
 - b. The proposed amendment opens up the matter of custody on a local level in a manner which could lead to confusion, inconvenience and misunderstanding.
 - c. Instead of limiting the sole custodial responsibility of the Navy and Air Force to the delivery of captured personnel to the nearest Army evacuation point, it would enlarge such responsibility to maintaining custody until released for evacuation by another command. This could well lead to numerous undesirable situations.
 - d. One of many possible situations would be presented, for example, if an enemy flyer were picked up off shore and landed by a naval unit. Instead of simultaneously notifying the Air Force of the capture and evacuating the prisoner to the local Provost Marshal (who would have custodial facilities and would allow access to the prisoner by Air interrogators), under the proposed amendment the naval unit would be required to maintain a guard over the prisoner and improvise interrogation facilities as long as the Air Force cared to use them.

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5. It is therefore recommended that:

- a. No objection to amendments 1, 3 and 4 be raised, but that
- b. The proposed amendment 2 be disapproved.

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