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Mr Borel,

This is an "info" copy of the latest version of this paper. We are putting it out for vote sheet action by 29 Sept 61. Will advise you when it is finally approved - and will let you know details of any changes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCSB:

Subject:

Flexowriter Security Problem

References:

- (a) COMSEC 11-/12, 19 December 1960
- (b) COMSEC 11-/17, 14 March 1961
- (c) COMSEC 11-/18, 24 April 1961 (d) COMSEC 11-/19, 2 August 1961
- (e) COMSEC 11-/20, 22 August 1961
- 1. The attached memorandum from the Chairman, USCSB Special Committee on Compromising Emanations covering a revised report by the Committee in response to Reference (e) is referred to the Members for approval.
- 2. It is requested that Members indicate on the inclosed Vote Sheet their reaction to the report. Particular attention is invited to the conclusions contained in Paragraph 3, and the recommended program outlined in Paragraph 5 of the report.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS, U. S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD

SUBJECT: The Flexowriter Security Problem

REFERENCE: COMSEC 11-/20

- 1. As directed by the reference, a revised report of the Special Committee on Compromising Emanations concerning the Flexowriter class of equipment is submitted. It will be noted that rather extensive revisions were necessary to clarify the point raised by the suggestion of the Department of State. It was not the intention of the Special Committee to limit the application of the policy only to machines with the brand-name of Flexowriter. Rather, the intent was to apply the policy to a broad class of automatic electric typewriters, excluding the usual secretarial models, teletypewriters and crypto-equipments.
- 2. The Special Committee could not reach agreement on the suggested change which would have details of exceptions to the policy submitted by each agency to the Special Committee. Some of the reasons cited were:
- a. The Committee is not administratively equipped to handle the expected volume of exceptions if, as anticipated, the policy is extended to include other information-processing equipments.
- b. Such an exchange of information is already contemplated on an informal basis by the existing terms of reference of the Committee and a formal reporting requirement is considered unnecessary.

Accordingly, that provision is not contained in the attached revision.

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Chairman
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