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Dear Major Milliken:

Herewith a memorandum regarding M.I. 5 code books.

The best information I can learn in New York regarding the "C" traffic is that it is sent over U.S. Navy wireless stations. Below you will find the routes, Washington to Peking and Peking to Washington.

Washington to Peking

WASHINGTON SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU GUAM CAVITE PEKING
call letter ? . . F P G N P M . . N P N . . N P O . N P P

Peking to Washington

PEKING CAVITE SAN FRANCISCO WASHINGTON
N P P N P O F P G ?

You will note that the stations at Honolulu and Guam are not used in the Peking-Washington traffic. This means that San Francisco works direct with Cavite on Cavite-San Francisco traffic and that traffic going out of San Francisco is sent to Honolulu, Guam, thence to Cavite.

It is difficult to get this sort of information in New York without showing our hand and I cannot be sure that the information is correct. It is suggested that you confirm in Washington all the information that I give you in this letter. It seems that the Navy will handle any Government traffic to and from the Far East over their wireless stations, and that commercial messages go over the Radio Corporation stations K E F (Bolinas, California) and K G I (Kahuku, Hawaii). The material that is sent us by PRESIDIO, Monterey, California,

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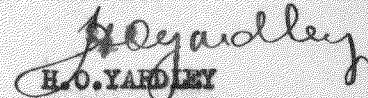
contains intercepts between RCA stations K E T and K G I and it is very rare that we find anything except commercial messages.

My suggestion is that PRESIDIO intercept everything going to and from the Far East over station F P G (San Francisco). This will not only give us all "C" traffic but might very well give us some "J" traffic. Perhaps this is where our friends have been getting "J" material.^f

As to a twenty-four hour service interception, experience should determine what hours this Government business is put on the wires. It looks to me as if it would be necessary to establish twenty-four hour service for a week or two in order to determine this.

I shall be very interested to learn whether the information I have given you is correct, and when you will start intercepting F P G. This seems an opportune time to tell you that all GA's have been returned to you and that we are beginning on CB's. There are four or five different types of messages and we shall send them to you in the order in which we discover the systems.

Sincerely,


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