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Infernal information indicates the Division of Security will soon recommend that censorship of all mail be undertaken by the military during Operation CASTLE. This is obviously an effort to avoid unauthorized release of classified information as occurred during IVY. However, applying military censorship to all mail, both civilian and military, hinges upon interpretations of existing laws.

On the other hand, there are alternatives to the above solution which are not dependent upon legal interpretations. Two such alternatives are: BEST COPY AVAILABLE

1. Exercising censorship of military mail by military personnel utilizing wartime practices. Parallel to this procedure, censorship of civilian mail would be accomplished by designated lay civilian personnel who would censor the mail of those civilians below a certain grade. To subject civilians to this type of censorship would require their consent which might be written into contracts when hiring personnel for overseas test operations.

2. Requiring voluntary self censorship of each person's own mail. This procedure could be applied to both military and civilian personnel. To promote security consciousness using this system, it might be advisable to require the sender to indicate by signed certificate on each envelope that each letter contains no classified information.

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Since the problem of censorship will undoubtedly be brought to the attention of the Commission, it is requested that your views on the matter be transmitted in order to have them considered prior to reaching a final position.

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