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SUBJECT: Tactical Cover and Deception

TO: The Commanding General,
Army Air Forces
Army Ground Forces
The Commander-in-Chief,
U. S. Army Forces, Pacific
The Commanding General,
U. S. Forces, European Theater
U. S. Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
Caribbean Defense Command
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Chief, Army Security Agency

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1. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces is hereby charged with primary responsibility for tactical deception to be employed by the ground armies.
2. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces is hereby charged with primary responsibility for tactical deception to be employed by the Army Air Forces.
3. In carrying out these responsibilities the Army Ground Forces and the Army Air Forces will be primarily responsible for the development and employment of tactical deception units and devices peculiar to each, such as the following:

<u>Units</u>	<u>Devices</u>
Radio	RCM
Sonic	Dummy
Camouflage	Special

Note: Primary responsibility for development of devices will include determination of military characteristics and estimates of requirements and development of and practice in doctrine of tactical use.

4. Reference is made to letter, AG 322 TS (7 November 45)OB-S-3, 14 November 1945, (copy of which is inclosed), which states in part:

"5. The Army Security Agency.....is hereby charged with primary responsibility for implementing within the Army the communication phases

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ved cover and deception plans and policies as directed by the
iefs of Staff through Joint Security Control or any agency
ng to the deception responsibilities thereof, except as they
to operations of the Army Ground Forces, 'composite-type'
d similar units of the Army Air Forces."

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between the War Department and the major commands and theaters
It does not apply to sonic warfare.

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tain individual specialists as requested for the Army Ground
Army Air Forces.

technical services will be responsible for technical research,
procurement, storage and issue of tactical deception devices
support to the Army Ground Forces and the Army Air Forces in
their primary responsibility.

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be Director, Plans and Operations Division, WDGS.

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OF SECRET - All aspects of strategic cover and deception.

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CONFIDENTIAL - Manuals on certain individual items and the
their use, and orders and directives for tactical deception
maneuvers.

RESTRICTED - Technical information and correspondence concerning
employed in tactical cover and deception when treated individ-

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ation or documents referring to the existence of a War Depart-
agency or a joint deception agency designed to plan and imple-
cover and deception will not be downgraded below TOP SECRET.

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