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AAF SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE COMMUNICATIONS MATERIAL

1. General. In consummation of negotiations between representatives of Headquarters, Army Air Forces and CAP National Headquarters, various kinds of surplus, obsolete, and reclaimed communications equipment are being made available to the Civil Air Patrol. Because most items which are requisite for the fabrication of communications equipment either cannot be purchased on the open market or else require WPB priorities for their purchase, it was felt that material must be provided before operative participation could be realized by the great majority of Wings. Since the most vital mission in which CAP is presently engaged is the preparation of young men for the Aviation Cadets, it is essential that CAP have an active communications program, because knowledge of communications is vital to the Army pilot.

2. Responsibility for the equipment. The use of this material by CAP is a splendid opportunity as well as a serious responsibility. Wing Commanders are responsible to the National Commander for the receipt, storage, and issue of the subject material and equipment. They will institute the necessary administrative procedure for handling this equipment in compliance with whatever instructions may be issued by National Headquarters. They will satisfy themselves by means of adequate inspections that the privilege of using this material and equipment is not abused.

3. Control of the equipment. Within the limits prescribed by his Commanding Officer, the material will be under the operational control of the appropriate Communications Officer. In short, each Communications Officer will supervise the disposition of the AAF communications equipment within his particular echelon. It will be distributed, transferred, and utilized as he may direct.

4. Application of the equipment. It is desired by this Headquarters that the material and equipment referred to in par 1 be used for the following purposes:

- a. Construction of training aids.
- b. Construction and repair of code practice equipment.
- c. Construction, repair, modification, and maintenance of WERS units.

No AAF equipment obtained by CAP units as a result of this project will be used for the repair or maintenance of privately owned radio equipment which has not been legally leased to CAP. It may be used with any WERS unit, commercial or composite, which has been licensed by FCC in accordance with established procedure.

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