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# Ordnance Department Order 327, Procedure for handling Ordnance Materiel Received in This Country for Information, 19 August 1942

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE  
Washington, D. C., August 19, 1942.

Ordnance Department Order)  
No. 327 )

Subject: Procedure for Handling Foreign Ordnance Materiel  
Received in This Country for Information.

1. This order supersedes Ordnance Department Order No. 235, February 1, 1942. Its purpose is to provide a systematic, effective procedure for handling all foreign ordnance materiel received in this country for examination and analysis.
2. The Ordnance Intelligence Unit, Technical Division, Office Chief of Ordnance, is charged with the supervision of receipt, analysis and disposition of all foreign ordnance materiel received in this country for the purpose indicated. It will coordinate all examinations to be made. Requests and recommendations for subject materiel will be submitted to the Intelligence Unit. Copies of all correspondence, test directives and reports relating to subject materiel will be furnished to this Unit.
3. Subject materiel will be shipped initially to the Commanding Officer, Proving Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, attention Ordnance Property Officer. Promptly upon receipt at that station, it will be checked, cataloged and photographed, and reported to the Ordnance Intelligence Unit, Office Chief of Ordnance, which will coordinate with those involved and insure that instructions are issued for its analysis and further disposition. This may include reshipment of some or all of the materiel to other agencies for examination, and release to the Field Service Division, the Ordnance School of other military organizations for instructional purposes.
4. It is highly important that the maximum amount of data on such materiel be obtained, and made available to those who are entitled to it. Therefore, any examinations and analyses which are made by those designated must be thorough and complete and expeditiously concluded. All information will be compiled in the form of a report or reports with descriptions in detail and including such drawings and photographs as may be prescribed or as may be necessary for completeness. Ten copies will be prepared, two of which will be retained by the establishment making the analysis, one sent to the Ordnance Technical Library, one to the agency directing the examination, and six to the Ordnance Intelligence Unit, Technical Division, Office Chief of Ordnance.
5. After study and analysis has been completed, the Ordnance Intelligence Unit will issue necessary instructions for final disposition of materiel in question.

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