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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME) Enhanced Blackberry – CryptoBerry

1. The National Security Agency (NSA) has approved the CryptoBerry, a BlackBerry device that will provide secure, integrated, interoperable, and reliable wireless data communications. Although the software encryption certificate version of the CryptoBerry is available today, the hardware certificate version will not be available until February 2003. Only the hardware encryption certificate version of the CryptoBerry supports the Army's planned architecture to provide secure wireless data transactions.

2. In the near future, the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G-6 will provide guidelines on the procurement of the hardware encryption certificate solution and an enterprise contract vehicle for local procurement of CryptoBerry devices. However, it is not the intention of the CIO/G-6 to purchase these devices for the Army.

3. Thank you for supporting the operational requirement to create a secure, integrated, interoperable and reliable wireless data communications capability. The CIO/G-6 point of contact for this action is Mr. Gary Robison at 703-604-7573, DSN 664-7573, email: gary.robison@us.army.mil.

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