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Intro to Automatic Voice Network Commonly known as AUTOVON Part I

AUTOVON is the Military Voice Communications System. Each Military Installation has it's own prefix for use in the AUTOVON system. Not all telephones on military installation have the capability to call another military installation via AUTOVON. However, they can all receive an AUTOVON call coming from another installation.

A different 3-number prefix is used when dialing a military base using AUTOVON than the prefix used when dialing through the civilian phone system. Usually, AUTOVON is accessed by dialing 8 or 88 and waiting for a dial tone (on any phone connected to the AUTOVON system). A phone call made in this manner is limited to "ROUTINE" Priority.

There are "ROUTINE", "IMMEDIATE", "FLASH", and "FLASH OVERRIDE" priorities, with ROUTINE being the lowest and FLASH OVERRIDE the highest. To dial higher priority phone calls than routine, access to Technical control equipment is normally needed.

Calling AUTOVON exchanges might (most likely will) need a small phone modification. This modification is known as a "SILVER BOX".

Further information on SILVER BOXES will be described in part II. Stay tuned...

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