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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:


Subject: Revelation of Cryptanalytic Cooperation Between the U.S. and the U.K. prior to the Pearl Harbor Attack.

Reference: USCIB 13.5/54 dated 20 April 1954.

1. Enclosure 1 is a request from the Chairman, LSIB to the Chairman, USCIB for U.S. views and comment on the revelation made in RADM Theobald's book "The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor" that we had supplied the U.K. with a copy of the Purple machine. LSIB are apparently unaware of the fact that cryptanalytic cooperation between the U.S. and the U.K. before we became allies was made a matter of public record by the Pearl Harbor investigation. For the information of the members of USCIB, this record has been checked at the Library of Congress by the Executive Secretariat.

2. Enclosure 2 is a proposed reply to the message contained in enclosure 1.

3. The members are requested to execute the attached vote sheet on enclosure 2 hereto and return it to this office prior to 1700, Friday, 4 June 1954.


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosures

- 1. MOP.3993 dtd 18th May 1954.
- 2. DRAFT reply to Chairman, LSIB.

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