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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 4.2/38 Item 3 of the Agenda for the 24th Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 28 January 1955.

Subject: Revision of USCIB Directive Number 14 (USCIB 4.2/36).

THE CHAIRMAN explained that the SECCOM-proposed revision to Directive Number 14 had been sent out for vote sheet action and that the vote sheet replies, indicating certain differences of opinion, are summarized in USCIB 4.2/36. He invited comment by the Acting Chairman of SECCOM.

LT. COLONEL SIMMONS stated that a principal bar to the vote sheet approval had been disagreement upon the inclusion of Hong Kong in Appendix A which comprises a list of areas considered to involve an undue risk for leave or liberty visits by indoctrinated personnel.

THE CHAIRMAN noted that another recommended change in policy, namely, the reporting of exceptions to the Executive Secretary, has also met with some objection, the Navy, for example, being of the opinion that the extensive leeway permitted would destroy the intended purpose of establishing a uniform policy governing visits to specific areas.

LT. COLONEL HARROLD stated that the Navy comment is directed primarily to leave or liberty status in certain Far Eastern areas. He said that European areas, such as Berlin, Vienna, and Yugoslavia, are of principal concern to the Air Force. He expressed his opinion that local commanders should be authorized to approve travel to these areas.

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out that varying interpretations of the rules presently in effect is responsible for the proposed revision before the Committee. Therefore, he continued, we should decide whether we want a USCIB Directive governing visits to specific areas or wish to leave the determination of areas of risk to judgment of the several member departments and agencies.

The ensuing discussion of the proposed change in the exception clause, practicality of enforcing the proposed revision, duty assignment and TDY risk versus leave or liberty status risk and whether or not broad general guidance should be sufficient, resulted in agreement to refer the proposed revision of USCIB Directive Number 14 to the Security Committee for further consideration in connection with its work on consolidation of USCIB Directives Number 7 and Number 14.

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DECISION: (28 January 1955) USCIBEC agreed to refer the proposed revision to USCIB Directive Number 14 to the Security Committee for further study in connection with its work on consolidating USCIB Directives Number 7 and Number 14.

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