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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: Revision of USCIB Directive No. 6.

Reference: USCIB 13.4/7 dated 1 Dec. 1954.

1. The enclosure constitutes a unanimously-agreed recommendation of the Security Committee for revision of USCIB Directive No. 6 to include policy with respect to manufacture of codeword stamps and printing of paper bearing a COMINT codeword.

2. It is requested that the Members execute the attached vote sheet and return it to this office by the close of business 30 December 1954.

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Enclosure
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USCIB DIRECTIVE NUMBER 6 (CIBD # 6)
(APPROVED BY USCIB ON 11 Mar 49)
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF
COMINT CODEWORDS

1. Regulations for the dissemination, handling, and safeguarding of COMINT will:
 - a. Refer to the COMINT codewords only generically, and will not list specific codewords. These regulations will be so drafted that they will not themselves require designation by a COMINT codeword, and will thus avoid such designation.
 - b. Clearly provide for the continuous safeguarding and security of superseded COMINT codewords, and material covered by them, as well as of current ones.
2. Knowledge of specific current and non-current COMINT codewords will be disseminated by each member organization in accordance with the basic security regulations and to the extent necessary to insure compliance with these regulations, and in a manner appropriate to that organization's administrative arrangements and procedures.
3. When used as such, codewords for Category III COMINT (and sub-categories thereof) are classified TOP SECRET. These codewords and their implications shall not be made known to non-indoctrinated persons, nor shall these codewords be used in their codeword sense in the presence of non-indoctrinated persons. Paper stocks and rubber stamps bearing such codewords must be treated accordingly.

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4. When used as such, codewords for Category II COMINT (and sub-categories thereof) are classified SECRET. These codewords and their implications shall not be made known to non-indoctrinated persons, nor shall these codewords be used in their codeword sense in the presence of non-indoctrinated persons. Paper stocks and rubber stamps bearing such codewords must be treated accordingly.

5. Codeword stamps for categories and sub-categories of COMINT may be manufactured integral with stamps bearing appropriate classification when such work can be accomplished by indoctrinated personnel. Similarly, paper stocks bearing a codeword in association with a classification must be printed by indoctrinated personnel.

6. Codewords shall normally be replaced every two years unless positive security advantages will be obtained by an earlier change. In such cases, a new period of two years shall be in effect from the date of the change.

7. Prior to the effective date of a change in codewords, extreme care should be exercised to insure that the new word is made known only to the minimum number of personnel consistent with operational necessity. In no case should the word be divulged to personnel who are expected to be debriefed prior to the effective date of the change.

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