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Subject: Revision of USCIB Directive #9.

Reference: USCIB 4.2/27 dated 19 October 1954.

1. There having been no objection to the proposal set forth in the reference, the revision in question is considered approved as of 29 October 1954.

2. Accordingly, a revised page 2 and a new page, 2A, incorporating the revised SECTION II, paragraph 2 of subject Directive is enclosed herewith for insertion in place of the present page 2 thereof.


RUFUS L. TAYLOR
Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure
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II. COMPROMISE OF COMINT INFORMATION AND COMINT CODEWORDS DUE TO CAUSES OTHER THAN TRANSMISSION BY ELECTRICAL MEANS.

1. Each USCIB member will take the necessary administrative steps to ensure that whenever circumstances occur which involve possible compromise of COMINT information or COMINT codewords due to causes other than transmission by electrical means a report of the incident will be forwarded to him immediately and, if possible, through channels expressly provided for COMINT. If COMINT channels are unavailable the report shall be sent via the available channel of greatest security and most limited access and in a communication so worded as to conceal its true meaning from persons not indoctrinated for COMINT. COMINT codewords shall not be used in their codeword sense in such communications.

2. The USCIB member concerned will evaluate the report as expeditiously as possible. In evaluating possible compromises due to inadvertent or accidental disclosure of COMINT information, COMINT compromise (loss of accountability) need not be assumed to have occurred if, in the opinion of the cognizant member, the unauthorized individual or individuals involved have maintained, and may reasonably be expected to continue to maintain, absolute secrecy concerning the knowledge inadvertently revealed. Whatever the case, if, in the member's opinion, the circumstances do in fact indicate that a possible compromise has occurred, he will immediately forward to the Director, National Security Agency a report of the incident together with his recommendations in the

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premises by the most expeditious means available. The Director, NSA may take such immediate counter-measures as he may consider to be necessary, feasible and practicable. A copy of the report sent to DIRNSA will also be sent concurrently and equally expeditiously to the Executive Secretary, USCIB for information and such other action as may be appropriate. The Executive Secretary will coordinate his action, if any, with whatever action is being taken by the Director, National Security Agency.

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