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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: SACLANT "Y" Planning.

The enclosed recommendation by the Director, NSA has been placed on the agenda for consideration at the 112th meeting of USCIB.

  
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1. On 15 January 1954, the Secretary of Defense designated the Director, National Security Agency, as the U.S. authority with whom the SACIANT Y Officer can communicate on direction finder matters. On 27 January 1954, this authority was delegated to the Chief of Naval Operations.
2. Since that time, Naval representatives of the US, UK, and Canada have met with the SACIANT Y Officer to develop a HFDF program for SACIANT. This planning is conducted in COMINT channels.
3. Upon the completion of the HFDF program, the SACIANT Y Officer drafted a charter for SACIANT Y operations, based on SAC/E/R/7, approved by USCIB, LSIB, and CRC, and on the SHAPE Y charter ratified by US, UK, and [redacted] military authorities. The SACIANT Y draft charter was agreed by the Director, GCHQ, and Admiralty for the UK, and by the Director, NSA, and representatives of CNO for the US. The draft is now being considered by Canadian COMINT authorities, whose approval is anticipated some time this month. A copy of the draft is filed with the Executive Secretary.
4. The Directors, NSA, GCHQ, and CRC, and representatives of Admiralty and CNO, have agreed that overt international planning for SACIANT Y should be extended to include [redacted]. Inclusion of France in the initial planning conference, which will be sponsored by SACIANT, is based on the precedent established by USCIB and LSIB at the time of the SHAPE Y conference in October 1953. It is believed that participation by [redacted] a member of the Standing Group and charter member in SHAPE Y planning, in the initial overt stages of SACIANT Y planning will help to allay any suspicion of prior collaboration among the US, UK, and Canada.
5. SAC/E/R/7 does not include any provision for procedures whereby representatives of NATO nations other than the US, UK, and Canada will participate in SACIANT Y planning. It is therefore recommended that USCIB approve participation by [redacted] representatives in the initial SACIANT Y conference, and instruct the Navy member to notify SACIANT, via COMINT channels, of this approval.

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