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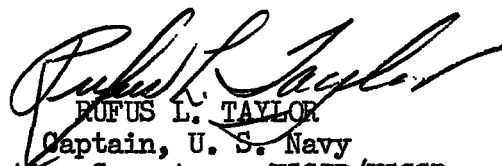
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U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARDSubject: Procedures for Dealing with Requests from Foreign Governments
for Communication Security Assistance.

Reference: USCIB 12./5 (COMSEC 2-/7) of 10 September 1954.

1. Except for minor editorial corrections there was no objection to
the procedure set forth in the reference.2. Accordingly the enclosure is circulated herewith as the procedure
effective this date for handling subject requests.3. The principal editorial correction mentioned above consists of the
insertion of the words "Communication Security" in paragraph 6 of the
proposed procedures so as to make it read as follows:"6. The Director, NSA, will maintain records of the communication
security information and material disclosed and furnished to each foreign
nation.", and the insertion of the words "Communication Security" in place
of the word Cryptographic as the first word in paragraph 1.


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PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR
COMMUNICATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE

1. "Communication Security assistance" includes, for the procedure described herein, provision of crypto-material such as crypto-equipments, codes, ciphers, key lists, and associated material, as well as instructions or advice pertaining to Communication Security or the use, development, or improvement of Communication Security equipment.
2. When a member department or agency receives, either formally or informally, requests for Communication Security assistance from foreign governments, international organizations, or their authorized representatives, the member department or agency shall take the following action:
 - a. Ascertain that the request is one authorized by proper officials of the foreign nation.
 - b. Inform the requesting official that the matter will be referred to the appropriate U.S. officials for action.
 - c. Forward a copy of the request together with other information provided by the foreign representative concerning the requirement for Communication Security assistance to the Director, National Security Agency, and an information copy to the Executive Secretary, USCSB.
3. The Executive Secretary may forward copies of the request to members of USCSB and USCIB for their information, or will do so upon request of a member.
4. Upon receipt of a request from a member department or agency, the Director, NSA, will if current policy permits, take appropriate action to fulfill the request and inform the Board that such action has been taken. If, however, current policy does not authorize the request to be granted the Director, NSA, will present his recommendations for the action to be taken on the request to USCSB. The Director, NSA, will effect coordination as necessary with USCIB before submitting his recommendations to USCSB.
5. In considering disclosure of Communication Security information to foreign nations, USCIB may consult with LSIB.
6. The Director, NSA, will maintain records of the Communication Security information and material disclosed and furnished to each foreign nation.
7. In cases where requirements for Communication Security assistance given to members are ambiguous and need clarification before final decision can be recommended, the Director, NSA, may arrange with the appropriate

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member department or agency for NSA technicians to interview the foreign official to ascertain in detail the nature of the requirement. When interviews are arranged under the foregoing procedure, the NSA technicians will not be identified as NSA personnel.

8. The member department or agency receiving the request shall be responsible for making a suitable reply to the original request. When a decision is made that the requested assistance will be provided, the member department or agency concerned and the Director, NSA, will consult on the manner in which the requested Communication Security assistance is to be made available.

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