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20 September 1954

~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

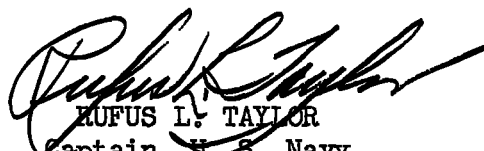
References: (a) USCIB 13.7/33 of 30 August 1954.  
(b) USCIB 13.7/34 of 13 September 1954.

1. Reference (a) as modified by reference (b) was approved by USCIB on 16 September 1954.

2. Accordingly, the notifications included herewith as enclosures 1 and 2 were despatched on 17 September 1954 to London and Ottawa respectively together with suitably revised copies of the enclosure with INT # 0005 of 27 August (see enclosure with reference (a)).

3. For the convenience of members a copy of the "Categories of COMINT" as agreed by USCIB and sent to London and Ottawa is included herewith as enclosure 3.

4. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.



RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy

Executive Secretary, USCIB

## Enclosures

1. CIB # 000245 dtd 16 Sep 1954.
2. CIB # 000246 dtd 16 Sep 1954.
3. "Categories of COMINT".

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UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

CIB # 000245

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16 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY, LONDON SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

1. Further to the provisions of paragraph 11 of Appendix "B" to our Agreement, the enclosed delineation of categories of COMINT is forwarded.
2. USCIB appreciates the fact that this initial delineation of categories and assignment of COMINT may not be as specific in all respects as may have been originally envisioned. However, it is felt that the enclosure recommends the most complete delineation practicable at this time.
3. With respect to paragraph 3b, Annexure B1, of Appendix "B", USCIB has designated the Director, NSA, as the agent of USCIB to negotiate with the Directors, GCHQ [ ] on all matters of categorization requiring US/UK [ ] agreement and to inform the Directors, GCHQ [ ] of assignments authorized by the U.S.  
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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605
4. USCIB would be grateful for an early indication from your Board as to whether or not the enclosed listings are an agreeable starting point, and if so, what would be a convenient date upon which to make them effective. In this connection USCIB would favor a general code word change incident to the introduction of categories as the connotation of code words to be used with categories will be somewhat more general than formerly. If a general code word change is agreed, a minimum of six weeks lead time in preparation for it would be necessary on the U.S. side.
5. It is considered that introduction of categories will constitute the final step in full implementation of the new Appendix "B" and that we therefore should regard new Appendix "B" in full effect as of whatever date we agree on for the introduction of categories.
6. If we could receive by 15 October your notification of approval to include a general code word change we could plan on 1 December 1954 for full implementation of new Appendix "B", including new code words. If a general code word change is not agreed we could be ready 15 days sooner.

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

Enclosure  
a/s

cc: SUKLO, Washington

Enclosure 1 with USCIB 13.7/35 dtd 20 Sep 1954.

UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

CIB # 000246

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16 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, OTTAWA:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

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RUFUS L. TAYLOR

Captain, U. S. Navy

Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure  
a/s

cc: [ ]

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CATEGORIES OF COMINT

I. CATEGORY I

A. Assigned -

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

as set forth in subparagraph 2a, Annexure B1, Revised Appendix "B", UKUSA Agreement.\*

B. Suitable for Assignment to Category I -

Other plain text, traffic intelligence or crypt intelligence as set forth in paragraph 2, Annexure B1, Revised Appendix "B".\*

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II. CATEGORY II

A. Assigned -

- 1.  except that specifically assigned to Categories I or III herein.
- 2.  in the attached Annex I.
- 3.
- 4.

\* To avoid the necessity of extending further the distribution of the UKUSA Agreement, the member departments and agencies of USCIB will, where necessary, write into their implementing instructions these pertinent portions of Revised Appendix "B".

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B. Suitable for assignment to Category II -

[redacted] items listed  
in the attached Annex II.

III. CATEGORY III

A. All [redacted] other than  
from those assigned to Category II or Category I.

B. Traffic intelligence based in whole or in part on the analysis  
or use of identifications and other data derived from Category  
III COMINT.

C. COMINT based on traffic obtained from sources classified TOP  
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D. Plain text which is passed on [redacted] circuits  
and is of such high intelligence value or sensitivity as to  
require assignment to this category. [redacted] plain text of  
this sort shall be assigned to the sub-category for [redacted]  
internal plain text which is established under subparagraph  
E2 below.

E. Sub-categories of Category III -

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1. [redacted]

2. End product based on [redacted] plain text as follows:

a. All messages passed on circuits controlled by the  
[redacted]

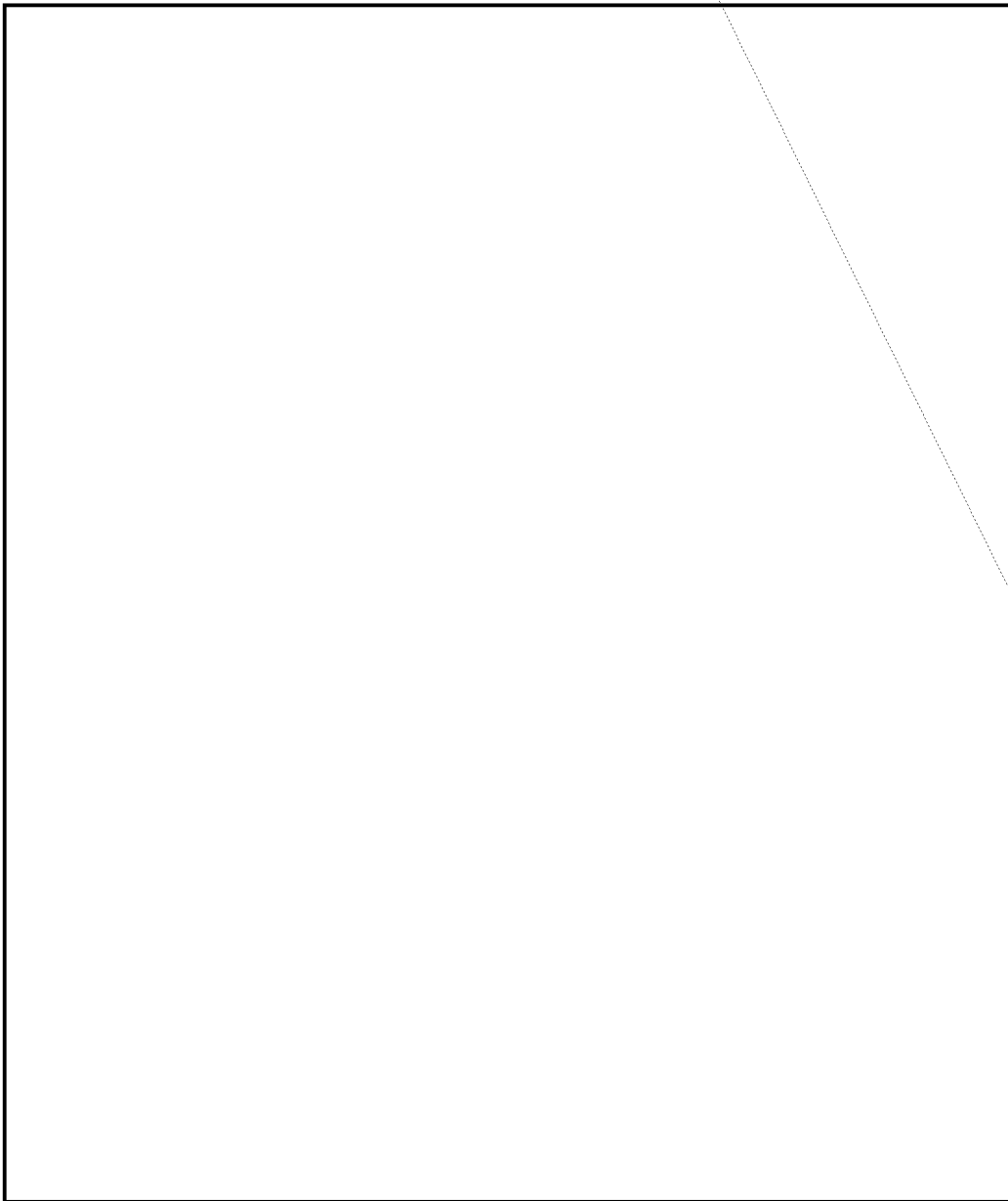
b. Messages of the [redacted]  
[redacted] of such high  
intelligence value or sensitivity as to require  
assignment to this sub-category.

c. Messages regardless of origin or destination  
dealing with the [redacted]  
of such high intelligence value or sensitivity as to  
require assignment to this sub-category.

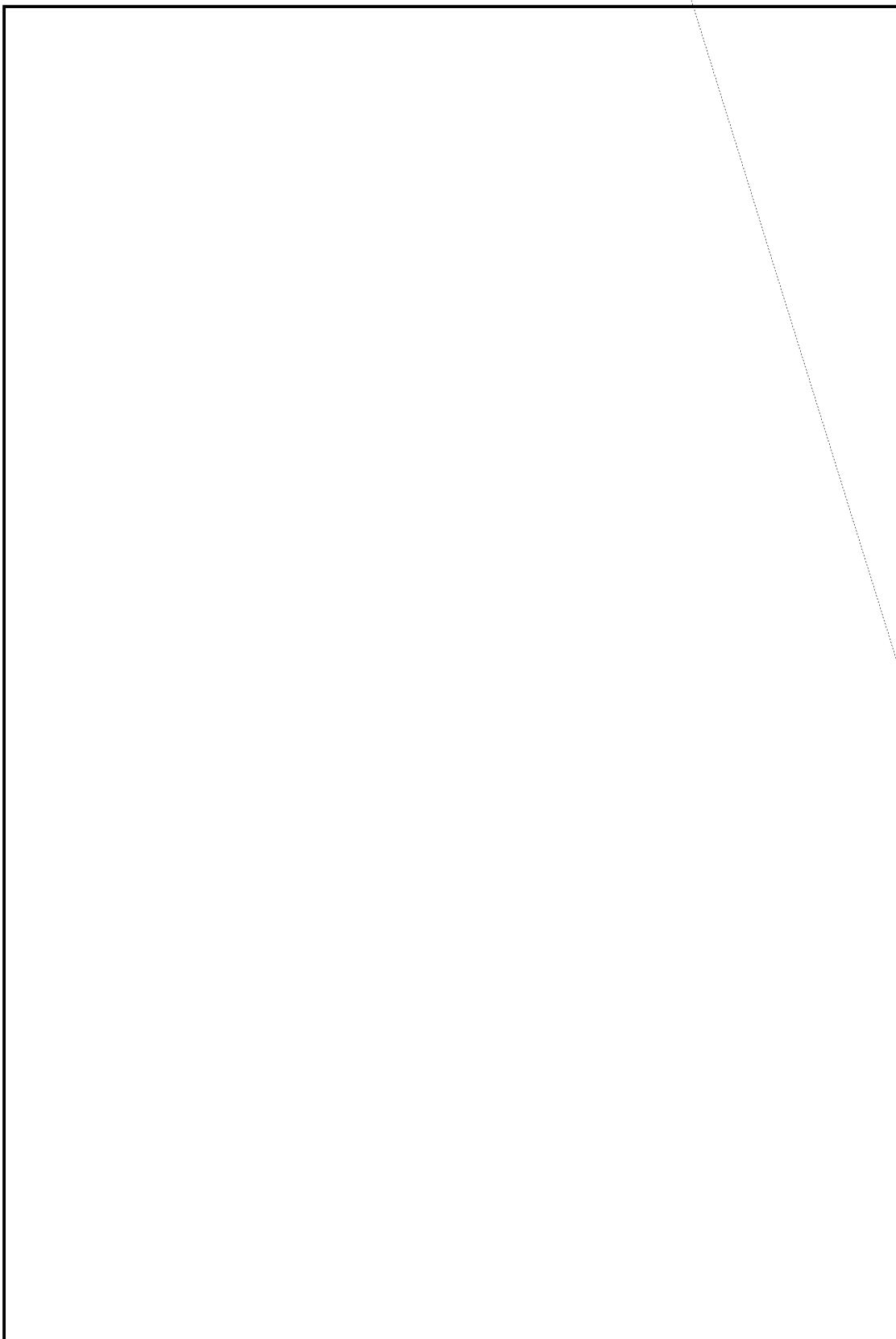
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ANNEX I

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ANNEX II



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