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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: USCIB Policy Concerning Release of COMINT to the  
Legislative Branch of the Government.

Reference: USCIB 13.5/93, dated 16 December 1954.

1. At its 24th meeting, USCIBEC considered the reference in light of proposed amendments submitted in vote sheet replies to the Executive Secretary, and summarized in USCIB 13.5/95.

2. USCIBEC agreed to recommend that USCIB approve as Board policy the statement contained in the enclosure herewith. In the absence of objection by any member by 1200, Wednesday, 23 February 1955, this decision of USCIBEC will be considered approved.

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

Enclosure  
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Please destroy the enclosure  
with USCIB 13.5/98 and substitute  
therefore the attached corrected  
enclosure.

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USCIB POLICY CONCERNING RELEASE OF COMINT  
TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT

USCIB recognizes that occasions may arise when it will become necessary to make available to the Legislative Branch of the Government information about COMINT or perhaps even COMINT codeword material itself. In such cases the following policy will govern the release of such material:

a. In accordance with Departmental policy, information about COMINT may be made available to members of the Legislative Branch, on a strict "need to know" basis, by the USCIB member concerned, or by a person duly authorized by him. The USCIB member or the person duly authorized by him shall caution all recipients concerning the sensitivity of the information about to be revealed and emphasize the vital need for its protection. When furnishing this information to a Congressional committee, the individual will respectfully request that the room be cleared of all personnel other than the members of the committee; that such information be given in executive session only; that no transcript of the proceedings be made; and that such information not appear in the Congressional Record or other documents open to public inspection.

b. COMINT codeword material shall be made available to the Legislative Branch only as directed by USCIB.

Enclosure with USCIB 13.5/98 dtd 14 Feb 1955. (corrected 2-16-55)