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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: Revision of the UKUSA Agreement.

Reference: USCIB 14.1/31, dated 6 December 1954.

1. The reference was circulated for vote sheet action pursuant to USCIBEC decision at its 22nd meeting. A summary of the votes submitted follows:

a. For approval:

OSD	EO 3.3(h)(2)
NSA	PL 86-36/50 USC 3605
CIA	
ARMY	
FBI	

b. For disapproval:

STATE:

Comment: "It is agreed that Appendix K should be designated a technical Appendix. However, it is felt that Appendix F should not be designated as a purely technical appendix inasmuch as changes affecting standardization in form and content of COMINT agency products are of equal concern to both the COMINT agencies and the consumer agencies. It is suggested that Appendix F might be amended so as to give NSA and GCHQ exclusive authority over those aspects of this Appendix which are strictly technical, [redacted]"

NAVY:

Comment: "Subject matter of appendices F & K is such that members have an interest in insuring that interpretations affecting the exchange of COMINT are in accordance with current USCIB policy."

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AIR FORCE:

Comment: "The Air Force considers that NSA/GCHQ changes or interpretations concerning the exchange of and processing of Comint material which may be embodied in revisions and supplements to Appendices F and K are very likely to affect the intelligence content and format of the currently exploitable end-product received by the intelligence consumers. Therefore, it is believed that USCIB should retain the right to approve changes and interpretations to these Appendices."

2. It will be recalled that the NSA member requested consideration of the reference at a future meeting, regardless of the outcome of the vote sheet action. Accordingly, this subject will be scheduled for consideration at the next regular meeting of USCIBEC.



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