

SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 23/72           Item not on the Agenda for the Eighty-eighth Meeting of USCIB held on 10 July 1953.

Subject:               Security of Foreign Communications (French).

The CHAIRMAN said he had a telegram from the American Embassy in The Hague dated 8 July referring to EDC matters and countries. He said it contained a phrase to the effect that "since it is well known that there are leaks amounting to a pipeline from the French Foreign Office to the Soviets, it is clear that they are in a position to delay French action indefinitely". He inquired if that was the view of our Ambassador.

MR. ARMSTRONG said he considered the whole cable to be the views of the Foreign Minister. He added that it was a little unclear to him as he did not know how much importance could be attached to Dutch intelligence on the French. He said that such a comment might well be engendered by the general situation in France and the knowledge that there are laws that make it difficult to oust Communists from the Government. However, he stated that it is not the view of our Ambassador.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the report of the Tripartite Security Group who made their own study of this aspect of French security did not allude to any pipeline from the French to the Soviets.

DECISION: (10 July 1953) No action required this time.

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