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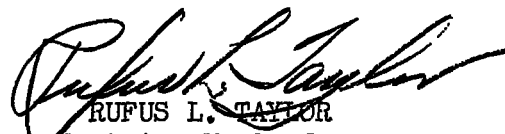
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SECRETMEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Loan of ROCKEX Crypto System to the Western Germans
for the Period of the Foreign Ministers' Conference.

1. At the request of the Director, NSA, the enclosure was circulated by hand of the Executive Secretary on Tuesday afternoon, 5 January, as a matter of urgency.
2. The Department of State having raised certain questions as to the technical and political implications of the enclosure has requested a Special Meeting of USCIB to discuss this matter.
3. After consultation with the U.K. Liaison Officer and the members of USCIB, it appears that 1130, Thursday, 7 January, would be an acceptable time for the meeting requested. Accordingly, there will be a Special Meeting at 1130, Thursday, 7 January 1954, in the Projection Room, Administration Building, CIA, for the purpose of discussing the enclosure.


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

Enclosure

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From: G.C.H.Q.

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TO: S.L.O., Washington

TILTMAN from []

Foreign Office wish BONN Government to have secure and rapid cypher link Berlin - Bonn during Foreign Ministers' Conference opening 25 January. Tentative proposal is to provide Rockex and tapes and to recover machines after conference.

2. LSIB raises no objection bearing in mind that crypto-principle of Rockex, i.e. one-time tape, is no longer secret and that crypt efficiency of West Germans is already high.

3. Point is made on behalf of C.P.B. that this is matter of expediency and is not to be confused with consideration of policy, need for which will arise when EDC becomes fait accompli.

4. Please seek U.S. views as matter of extreme urgency, asking Canine personally for his usual and greatly appreciated help in getting a prompt reply in such situations. Time is already acutely short.

Enclosure with USCIB 29.1/10 dated 6 January 1954.

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