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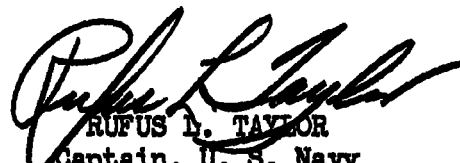
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Relations with

Reference: USCIB 29.17/13 of 31 January 1955.

In accordance with the decision taken by USCIB at its 112th meeting with regard to the enclosure with the reference, a message as set forth in the enclosure hereto was sent to SUSLO, London after telephonic coordination of its substance with the members of the Executive Committee.


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

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FROM EXEC. SECY. USCIB - CAPTAIN RUFUS L. TAYLOR, USN

TO SUSLO, LONDON

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WL USCIB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SENDS. FIRST THREE PARAS ARE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR ACTION INDICATED PARAS 4 AND 5 BELOW:

1. PARAGRAPH 7 OF DGC 4952 FORWARDED VIA SUKLO UNDER LSIB/369/54 OF 26 OCT 1954 INDICATED [] DESIRE CERTAIN GUARANTEES FOR SUPPLY OF COMINT AND ELINT EQUIPMENTS BY US VIA UK CHANNELS AS CONDITION UPON WHICH UK WOULD BE PERMITTED TO PASS TO US MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM [] AS RESULT OF ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON AT JULY '54 [] CONFERENCE.

2. USCIB REPLY (CIB000307 QUOTED IN PART BELOW FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE) ENDORSED PROPOSED UK [] ARRANGEMENT IN GENERAL BUT STATED THAT ON MATTER OF SUPPLY OF COMINT EQUIPMENTS "USCIB WOULD NEED TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF PRECISELY WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF THE U.S. BEFORE MAKING SUCH A COMMITMENT". THE SAME REPLY STATED THAT "THE MATTER OF THE ELINT ASPECT IS, AS YOU KNOW, NOT ONE ON WHICH USCIB IS IN A POSITION TO GIVE ANY GUARANTEES. HOWEVER, USCIB RECOGNIZES THIS PROBLEM AND IS HOPEFUL OF ITS EARLY SOLUTION. HERE AGAIN, THE MATTER OF UNDERTAKING IN ADVANCE TO SUPPLY MODERN ELINT EQUIPMENT IS ONE ON WHICH THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ITS OPINION."

3. LSIB/28/55 OF 21 JANUARY 1955 ALSO RECEIVED VIA SUKLO CHANNELS LISTS EQUIPMENTS REQUESTED BY [] AND WAS CONSIDERED BY USCIB ON 11 FEBRUARY. USCIB NOTES THAT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENTS LISTED APPEAR TO BE USABLE FOR ELINT PURPOSES ONLY WHILE OTHER SOME COULD BE FOR EITHER COMINT OR ELINT. USCIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOW STUDYING THE MATTER AS USCIB NOT IN A POSITION TO ARRANGE FOR PROVISION OF ELINT EQUIPMENT YET DOES NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE AGREED AND HIGHLY DESIRABLE UK [] COMINT ARRANGEMENT.

4. WITH THE ABOVE BACKGROUND IN MIND PLEASE DISCREETLY FIND OUT WHICH OF THE EQUIPMENTS LISTED IN LSIB/28/55 THE UK BELIEVE TO BE INTENDED FOR ELINT PURPOSES AND WHICH ARE INTENDED FOR COMINT PURPOSES. WITH REGARD TO THOSE WHICH MAY BE USED FOR BOTH ELINT AND COMINT, PLEASE TRY TO DETERMINE HOW THE UK BELIEVE [] INTENDS TO USE THEM AND WHAT COMINT THE UK EXPECT MAY BE THUS OBTAINED.

5. WHILE AN ANSWER DESIRED SOONEST, RECOGNIZE YOUR EFFORT MAY TAKE TIME. IF NO ANSWER CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACH HERE BY TUESDAY EVENING LOCAL TIME PLEASE SO INDICATE TOGETHER WITH FORECAST OF WHEN ANSWER MIGHT BE AVAILABLE SO THAT USCIBEC MEETING TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER CAN BE POSTPONED ACCORDINGLY.

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