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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:Subject: COMINT Arrangements with References: (a) Tab A of BPC 53/Pa/Final of 19 March 1953.
(b) Tab B of BPC 53/Pa/Final of 19 March 1953.

1. The enclosures are circulated at the request of the Director, National Security Agency for consideration in connection with item 4 of the Agenda of the 101st Meeting of USCIB scheduled for 1430, Friday 12 March 1954. In this connection it should be noted that enclosure 2 herewith is the same as the paper previously circulated as Annex 1 to CIB # 00048 of 17 February 1954 (Minutes of Executive Session held at 100th Meeting of USCIB on 11 February 1954).

2. For background on this problem see the references, both of which were included in the papers of the March 1953 UKUSA Planning Conference. Additional background information is contained in Annex 2 to the above mentioned CIB # 00048, circulated on limited distribution with one copy to each Member.



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

Enclosures

1. NSA Serial 00097-S dated 8 Mar 54.
2. DGC/3967 dated 29 Dec 53.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: SIGINT Cooperation Between U.K. and [redacted]



2. Although USCIB declined to approve a similar proposal by LSIB in October 1951 (USCIB 14/154), I recommend that USCIB reconsider its position and concur in this request.

3. Inasmuch as there has been no U.K. reply to my proposal to provide [redacted]

[redacted] dated 18 December 1953), I do not propose to forward USCIB's views in this matter immediately. However, I should like to have a decision on the request so that I may reply to Director, GCHQ, as soon as I receive his comments on the [redacted] question.

RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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December 29th 1953.

Director,
National Security Agency.

I am writing to you on behalf of L.S.I.B. to ask if you will seek the approval of U.S.C.I.B. to an [redacted] L.S.I.B. is proposing that the U.K. should [redacted], comparable to the service the U.S. is expecting to initiate at an agreed moment to the [redacted] as a result of the 1953 UK/USA Planning Conference recommendations.

2. There is no doubt that such a service is desired by the [redacted] organisation. This was evident when senior members of the organisation were in London recently to discuss [redacted] U.K. co-operation. Although they did not attempt to apply pressure on the U.K. representatives, they made it clear (not for the first time) that they considered the U.K. was getting much the better part of the bargain. Though they are very pleased with the equipment sent to them, it is apparent that they will never think the co-operation entirely fair unless the U.K. [redacted]

3. In L.S.I.B.'s view it is very important that the best possible relations with the [redacted] should be preserved. Seen from the U.K., [redacted] owing partly to its geographical position, partly to the completeness of its service and, above all, to the fact that the [redacted] are technically far more competent, both in communications and non-communications interception, and employ larger resources, than any of the other [redacted] countries G.C.H.Q. and, presumably, N.S.A. are [redacted] and there is no reason why this dependence should ever decrease: indeed, if [redacted] in the future, [redacted]. Moreover, if the present deployment of U.K. and U.S. [redacted] had in any way to be curtailed, the relative value of the [redacted] would rise still more. L.S.I.B. therefore considers that every reasonable step should be taken which will help to ensure the continued availability of the source. The provision of some form of limited feed-back would be an obvious step of this kind.

4. A further advantage to be obtained from the proposal stems from the fact that [redacted] are heavily overstrained at the present time as a result of the [redacted] If the U.K. were to supply the [redacted] it should lead to a speedier and more efficient allocation of their limited resources to the required targets. This would increase the value of their effort to the U.S. and the U.K. It is also highly probable that they could be persuaded to make further attempts to [redacted]

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6. Arrangements for the [redacted] and the U.K. have been under examination for some time; if the technical and security difficulties can be surmounted this link could serve for the proposed feed-back from the U.K. as well as for speedy reports of unexpected developments and for other material required with the least possible delay (e.g. [redacted]).

7. L.S.I.B. is very conscious that the [redacted] must involve no serious risks to the security of U.S./U.K. Sigint and that it should therefore [redacted]

The following forms of technical co-operation are accordingly proposed as the maximum the U.K. would negotiate:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)



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If U.S.C.I.B. so wished, L.S.I.B. would be perfectly willing for
U.S. representatives at G.C.H.Q. to

8. I am convinced that the implementation of the above proposals would entail substantial advantages for U.S. and U.K. intelligence, and I should therefore be grateful if you would enable me to let my Board know U.S.C.I.B.'s views as early as convenient.

/s/ Eric M Jones
Director

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