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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

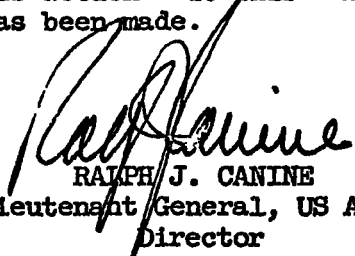
SUBJECT: Intercept Site Survey, [redacted]

1. The establishment and operation of a U. S. Communications Intelligence (COMINT) installation in [redacted] is required as an integral part of my over-all scheme for furnishing full support to the National COMINT effort. The responsibility for eventual implementation of this project has been vested in the U. S. Air Force. Recent developments indicate that an approach to the [redacted] Government for U. S. COMINT base rights is now warranted.

2. Accordingly, I consider it appropriate that every effort be made to proceed without delay in the procurement of those bases considered essential in support of the National COMINT effort. Therefore, I have requested that the U. S. Air Force proceed with plans to perform a technical site survey in [redacted] in order to determine the sites considered most suitable for intercept installations. I plan to augment the Air Force survey team with experienced NSA technicians.

3. The U. S. Air Force will forward through the Department of Defense a request that the Department of State undertake negotiations with the [redacted] Government in order to obtain diplomatic permission to conduct the site survey.

4. I consider it appropriate to have USCIB inform the London Signal Intelligence Board of this action. To this end, I shall inform you when the initial approach has been made.


RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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