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~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Activities Involving [redacted] to UKUSA
 (Intercept Requirement in [redacted])

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The enclosed memorandum by the Acting Director, NSA is circulated
 for information.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: Intercept Requirements, [REDACTED]

1. The Director, National Security Agency, has contemplated the establishment and operation of U. S. communications intelligence (COMINT) installations in [REDACTED] as integral components of the over-all plan for furnishing full support to the national COMINT effort, provided that suitable sites possessing reasonable intercept potential could be obtained.
2. At the 104th meeting of USCIB on 14 June 1954, the Director, NSA, informed the members of the Board that he was negotiating with the Ambassador to [REDACTED] to open the way for an intercept site survey in that country.
3. Responsibility for conducting the site survey and eventual establishment of these facilities was placed upon the U. S. Air Force. Results of the survey conducted during the period of 26 August 1954 to 19 October 1954 indicated that areas in southern and northern [REDACTED] were suitable as intercept sites since each site offered a vantage point for interception of specific targets not now being adequately covered.
4. Accordingly, the Director considers it appropriate that every effort be made to proceed without delay in the establishment of bases in those areas considered essential in support of the national COMINT effort. Therefore, he has requested that the U. S. Air Force proceed with negotiations for base rights. Plans at this time envisage the establishment of two sites of operations; one in the vicinity of [REDACTED] and one in the vicinity of [REDACTED].
5. In order to satisfy immediate operational requirements, he has requested that every effort be made to establish an interim site of operation utilizing a total of eleven positions in the area

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of [redacted]. Approximately 225 people will be involved in this operation, with a total estimated number of 1,000 people ultimately employed at both operational sites.



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