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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

Subject: Shape "Y" Approaches to

The enclosed messages and correspondence on the above subject, as exchanged between the Directors, NSA and GCHQ, are forwarded for information at the request of the Director, NSA.

  
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Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

**Enclosures**

1. GCHQ Msg DTG 311442Z Aug 54
2. NSA Msg DTG 032310Z Sep 54, WL 598
3. SUSLO (L) Ser. 000901, 15 Sep 54
4. NSA Msg DTG 250153Z Sep 54, WL 657

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DIRECTOR NSA FROM DIRECTOR GCHQ.

SUBJECT "SHAPE Y APPROACHES TO [REDACTED]

2. PLEASE REFER TO SHAPE SIGNAL 251727Z JUNE, GCHQS 161446Z JULY, YOUR WEP 83 AND SHAPES 221405Z JULY AND 231640Z AUGUST.

3. AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT ORDER AND TIMING OF SHAPE "Y" APPROACHES TO COUNTRIES ABOVE-LISTED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) UK NATIONAL APPROACH FOR PERMISSION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY [REDACTED] AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

AMBASSADOR IS HANDLING ON OUR BEHALF. FOREIGN OFFICE VERY ANXIOUS THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFUSION IN [REDACTED] MINDS BETWEEN UK NATIONAL APPROACH AND SHAPE "Y" APPROACH WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESENT SHAPE PLANS, MAY WELL COINCIDE OR OVERLAP WITH POSSIBLE DETRIMENT TO UK INTERESTS. WOULD THEREFORE PREFER SHAPE APPROACH DEFERRED UNTIL UK NEGOTIATIONS NEARER COMPLETION.

(B) AM CONSULTING UK AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ABOUT SHAPES 231640Z AUGUST AND SHALL THEN WISH UK REPLY TO BE COORDINATED WITH THAT OF US. IN ANY CASE HOWEVER DETERMINATION OF THIS POINT MAY WELL DELAY COMPLETION OF SHAPES. NEGOTIATIONS WITH [REDACTED]

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THAT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY DELAY "Y" PLANNING FOR CINCSOUTH AND CINCPACMID AND MAY JUSTIFY SOMEWHAT LATER APPROACHES TO [REDACTED] THAN SHAPE AT PRESENT ENVISAGES.

(c) EARLY SHAPE Y APPROACH TO [REDACTED] DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF RECENT [REDACTED] YOU WILL RECALL THAT SHAPE Y

WAS SUGGESTED AS [REDACTED] (UTP/54 PARA 17B (IV) REFERS)

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4. FOR ALL THESE REASONS WE WOULD PREFER SHAPES NEXT APPROACHES TO BE TO [REDACTED] UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR. DO NOT CONSIDER THAT [REDACTED] NEED WAIT AN OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH AND ABOUT [REDACTED] (BUT THIS DOES NOT APPLY IN CASE OF [REDACTED])

5. HAVE CONSULTED UNOFFICIALLY WITH SHAPE Y OFFICER WHO ASSURES ME NO OBJECTIONS ON SHAPES PART DESPITE THEIR 251727Z JULY WHICH STRESSED PRIORITY FOR [REDACTED] IN VIEW YOUR WEP 83 SHAPE WOULD HOWEVER WISH TO BE ADVISED:

(A) US AND UK AGREE THAT APPROACHES TO [REDACTED] SHOULD PRECEDE THOSE TO [REDACTED]

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(B) US AND UK CONCUR IN APPROACHES TO [REDACTED]  
NEGOTIATIONS STILL IN PROGRESS.

6 UNDERSTAND SHAPE Y OFFICER HAS UNOFFICIALLY CONSULTED AC OF S (I)  
SHAPE WHO AGREE PARA 5 ABOVE. AC OF S (I) WOULD BE ABLE TO APPROACH  
[REDACTED] EITHER MID SEPTEMBER (BFFORE HE VISITS US) OR LATE  
OCTOBER.

7. SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD GIVE EARLY CONSIDERATION TO  
PROPOSAL IN PARA 4 ABOVE, ESPECIALLY FOR REASON IN 3(A). IF US  
AUTHORITIES CONCUR I WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ADVISE AC OF S (I) AS IN PARA 5  
AND KEEP YOU INFORMED

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NOTAL PD CONCUR PROPOSAL PARA 4 RE [REDACTED] PD  
HOWEVER CMM IN LIGHT OF FORTHCOMING US NEGOTIATIONS WITH [REDACTED] CMM  
PREFER SHAPE APPROACH TO [REDACTED] BE SIMILARLY DEFERRED PD CONCUR  
PROPOSAL PARA 7 THAT UK INFORM ACOFS PAREN ITEM PAREN CMM SHAPE

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SUBJECT: SHAPE "Y" Approaches to [redacted]

TO: Director  
National Security Agency  
Washington 25, D. C

1. The Director, GCHQ, has requested me to express to you his appreciation for your speedy reply to his 311442Z August. He raises further questions, and I quote:

"1. The situation in respect of further SHAPE 'Y' approaches is becoming very complicated. It appears now to be as follows:

"(a) The U.S. would agree to some deferment of the approaches to [redacted] as requested in our 311442/8;

"(b) The U.S. and U.K. are agreed on the desirability of a fairly early approach to [redacted] for reasons stemming from the [redacted]

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"(c) The U.S. would prefer some deferment of the approach to [redacted] for reasons also stemming from the [redacted]

"(d) SHAPE would wish to approach [redacted] at the same time as [redacted] the approaches however to be unilateral (information from SHAPE 'Y' officer);

"(e) SHAPE is anxious to approach [redacted] as soon as possible for reasons explained in ACofS(I)'s 251727/6, but will approach [redacted] if U.S. and U.K. authorities jointly concur.

"2. Taking these various factors into account and knowing that ACofS(I) SHAPE will be visiting the U.S. during the first two weeks of October I believe that the best plan would now be as follows:

"(a) No further approaches to be made by SHAPE until after ACofS(I)'s return from the U.S.;

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"(b) SHAPE to approach [redacted] after 15th October, informing the U.K. beforehand of the intended date of approach so that we may brief our Ambassador in [redacted] to keep the SHAPE 'Y' approach clearly separate in [redacted] minds from the U.K. national approach;

"(c) SHAPE to approach [redacted] in November, i.e. after the [redacted] approach, thus giving time for the new UKUSA approach to the [redacted]

2. Would you please inform me, by signal, if you approve of this revised program. If so, I will so advise Director, GCHQ, and ask him to inform ACoFS(I) SHAPE accordingly on behalf of both countries.

/s/ B. PULLING  
Colonel, U.S. Air Force  
Senior U.S. Liaison Officer, London

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