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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF AFSAC:

Subject: Tentative Minutes.

1. The tentative minutes for the Fortieth Meeting of AFSAC are forwarded herewith. Please advise the Secretariat if any changes are desired.

2. Also forwarded with vote sheet attached is a draft memorandum informing the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the decision reached at the Fortieth Meeting. It is requested that vote sheet replies be returned to the Secretariat by 8 October 1953.


K. B. McVIPENY, Jr.
Secretary, AFSAC

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1. Copy of Tentative Minutes, 40th Meeting.
2. Draft Memorandum for JCS.

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FORTIETH MEETING

OF

ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY COUNCIL

PRESENT:

ARMY: Maj. Gen. Harry Reichelderfer
Brig. Gen. Emil Lenzner
Col. H. R. Bonin

NAVY: RADM William B. Amson
Capt. W. M. McCormick

USAF: Maj. Gen. J. A. Sanford
Brig. Gen. Gordon A. Blake

JOINT STAFF: Col. E. A. Sirmeyer

NSA: Lt. Gen. Ralph J. Canine, USA, Chairman

SECRETARIAT: LT. K. B. Monypeny, Jr., USN
Miss Catharine M. Johnson

ALSO PRESENT:

ARMY: Lt. Col. Glen C. Long
Lt. Col. Richard Leffers

NSA: Capt. D. M. Agnew, USN

USAF: Col. C. M. Townsend
Col. John L. Ondrick
Lt. Col. J. M. Anderson

The Fortieth Meeting of the Armed Forces Security Agency Council was held at 1400, 17 September 1953, in Room 2C 468, National Defense Building, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT NUMBER

AFSAC: 60/65 Item 1 of the Agenda for the Fortieth Meeting of AFSAC, held on 17 September 1953.

Subject: Establishment of the Joint Security Committee.

The CHAIRMAN noted that there were no minutes of the previous meeting to be approved. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a paper that had been referred to AFSAC by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He added that this paper had been submitted by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, and would establish a Joint Security Committee. He then requested remarks from the Army representative.

COL. BONIN reviewed the steps by which the item on the agenda had come to AFSAC. He also reviewed the directive which established AFSA and AFSAC and the AFSAC Charter. COL. BONIN noted the memorandum from Mr. Lovett which implemented NSCID No. 9, Revised. He said that AFSAC had not been officially abolished or reorganized, and added that it was, however, ineffective because of the provisions of NSCID No. 9, Revised. He stated that this condition left the J.C.C. without an advisory body for matters concerning or related to COMINT.

The CHAIRMAN said he would like to make one correction to the Army's remarks. He said that it was not Mr. Lovett's action putting COMINT under a different organization that made AFSAC ineffective. He added that it was impotent before that time.

He then requested the Navy to comment.

ADM. AMMON said that the Navy felt that the establishment of such a committee as recommended in the paper before the Council would in effect be a duplication of already existing committees. He stated that the J.C.E.C. could handle matters for COMSEC and J.I.C. could handle matters for COMINT. He added that since those committees and representatives thereon presented the views of the Services, it was not believed the proposed additional committee was necessary. He further stated that if there were any other matters to take up that crossed the lines of both J.C.E.C. or J.I.C., the two committees could call a joint meeting as is done for other problems at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN then requested the Air Force views.

GEN. SAMFORD said that the Air Force agreed with the views expressed by ADM. AMMON.

The CHAIRMAN stated that as the Director, NSA, he wished to comment on the proposal. He said that first he considered the timing poor, because a directive on COMSEC, corresponding somewhat to NSCID No. 9

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was expected to be published momentarily and this would formalize the COMSEC situation. If a committee was necessary it would be advisable to ascertain what is required by that directive, he added. He stated that secondly he agreed with ADM. Ammon that another committee was not needed, because there were too many committees at the present time. He further stated that he did not see how COMINT-wise such a committee could operate without representation from the National Security Agency because it would operate in a complete vacuum. He added that if J.C.E.C. and J.I.C. were used, then the Agency could furnish whatever assistance is desired by the two J.C.S. committees and when there were conflicts, those two committees could meet together.

There was a general discussion on the advisability of using the J.C.E.C. and the J.I.C. in place of the proposed committee.

GEN. LAMFORD made the motion that AFSAC recommend to J.C.S. that the provisions of the J.C.S. paper which established AFJAC be rescinded and that the J.C.E.C. and J.I.C. be utilized, separately or together as determined by the Director of the Joint Staff to advise the J.C.S. on COMSEC and COMINT matters.

ADM. AMMON seconded the motion.

After further discussion COL. BOMLIN offered a counter proposal that action be postponed until the new directive on COMSEC was issued.


A vote was taken on the original motion and it was not so agreed.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Army now proposed to postpone action and to recommend that the paper be tabled by the Joint Chiefs of Staff until after the COMSEC Directive had been published and implemented.

It was so agreed.

There was no further business to come before the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.


K. B. MONYER, Jr.
Secretary, AFJAC

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MEMORANDUM BY THE CHAIRMAN, ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY COUNCIL

for the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT SECURITY COMMITTEE
Reference: JCS 2010/67

1. At the request of the originator, the memorandum in JCS 2010/67 was withdrawn on 5 September 1953 from consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and referred to the Armed Forces Security Agency Council for comment and recommendation.

2. At the Fortieth Meeting of AFSAC, held on 17 September 1953, it was agreed to postpone action and to recommend that JCS 2010/67 be tabled by the Joint Chiefs of Staff until after a Communication Security Directive had been published and implemented.

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