

10 February 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

SUBJECT: U.S. Position on Third Party Agreements

FROM: Executive Committee, BRUSA Planning Conference, 1953

1. The following are among the basic principles used by the Committee in considering Third Party COMINT agreements:

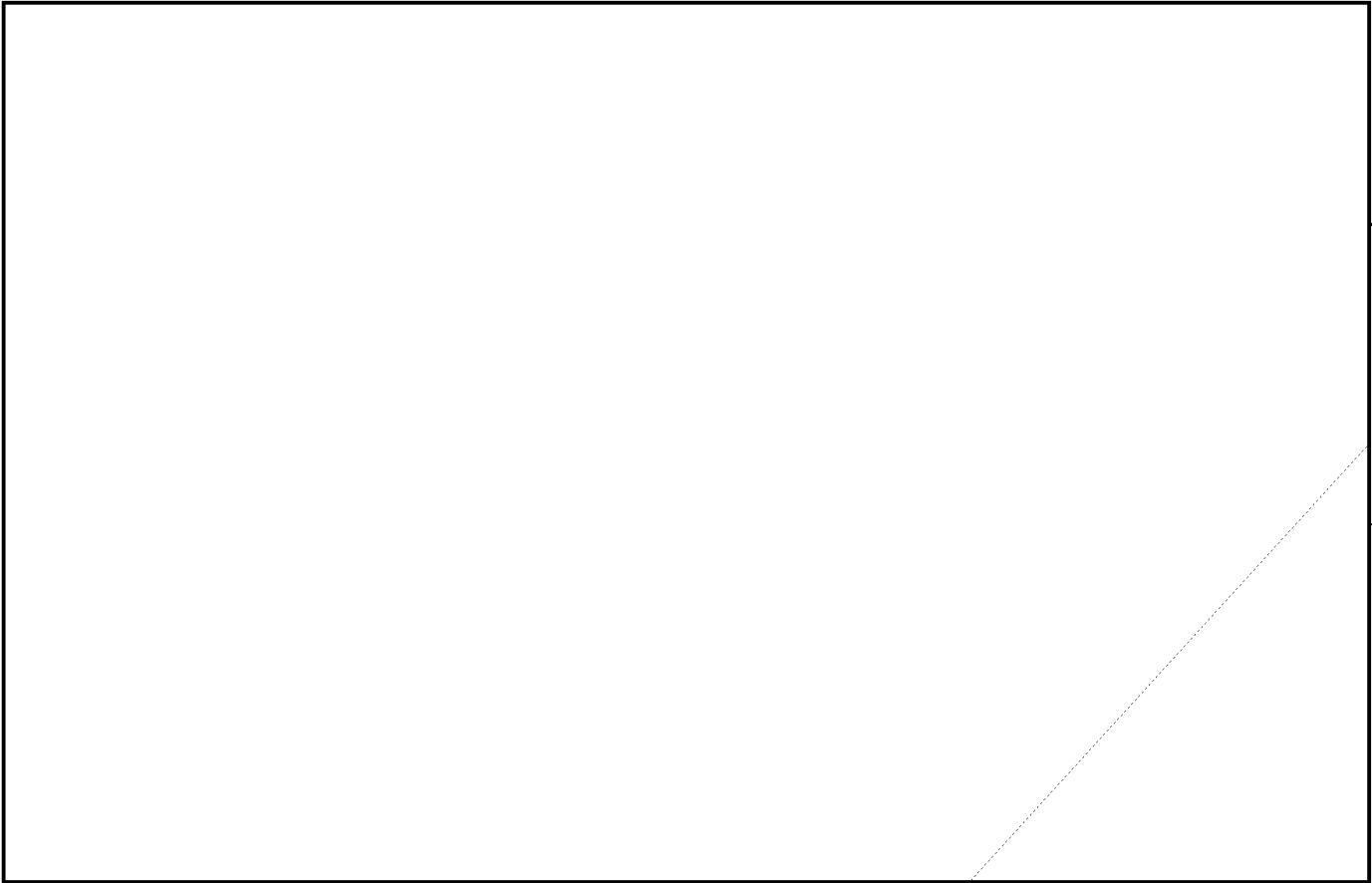
a. The U.S. is not willing to enter into an agreement with the U.K. to assign to either party exclusive responsibility for dealing with any specific Third Party on COMINT matters. The U.S. will agree, however, to take no action aimed at undermining any already established U.K. - Third Party COMINT arrangements, and will expect reciprocal assurances from the U.K. OK

b. The U.S. is strongly opposed to revealing to Third Parties any more information than has already become available to them with regard to U.S. - U.K. COMINT collaboration. The U.S. cannot, therefore, agree to tripartite COMINT discussions with any Third Party at this time. OK
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c. The U.S., as provided in the BRUSA agreement, will keep the U.K. advised as to U.S. arrangements made within the framework of the BRUSA agreement and provide to the U.K. materials from such arrangements. The same assurances on the part of the U.K. are expected. OK

2. In addition to the foregoing, U.S. negotiators dealing with Third Party matters at the March BRUSA conference should be guided by the following specific principles:





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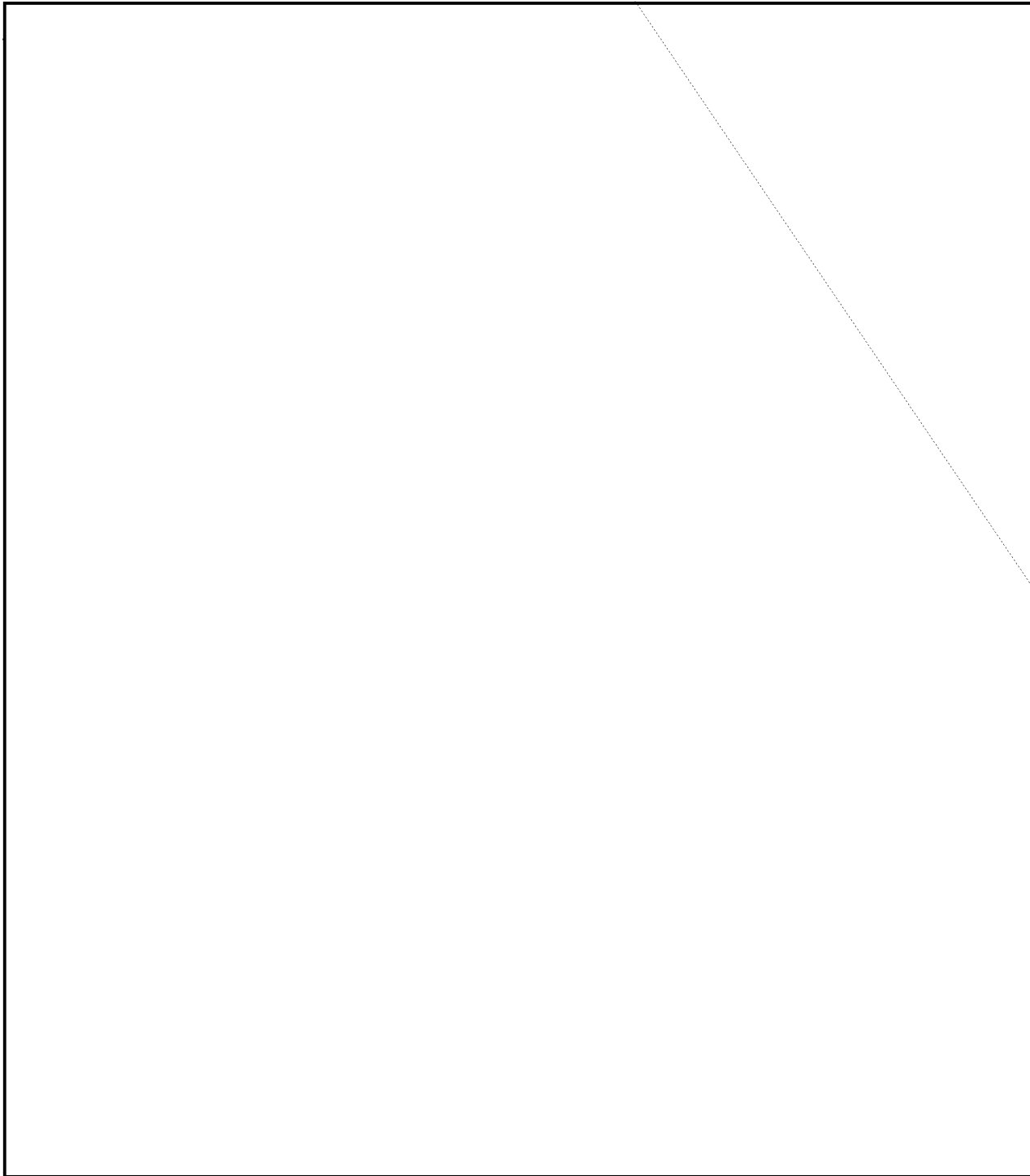
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