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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: French Communication Security.

Enclosure: Copy Memo Exec. Sec'y., N.S.C., from
Chrma, USCIB, less enclosure.

1. The Enclosure is forwarded for information.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL:

Subject: French Communication Security.

Enclosure: Final Report of the U.S./U.K. Conference on French Communication Security.

1. The unsatisfactory state of communication security practices and procedures within the French Government has recently become a matter of increasing concern to the United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB) and its British counterpart, the London Signal Intelligence Board (LSIB).

2. With a view to possible improvement of this situation, especially as it pertains to the security of French diplomatic communications, USCIB and LSIB representatives have met and agreed upon a detailed method of approach to French high-level authorities, to be implemented when the two Boards mentioned above deem it advisable, after approval by the appropriate authorities of the two Governments. However, the results of Tripartite (U.S./U.K./French) General Security discussions, now in progress, are to be considered by the two Boards before any implementing action is undertaken.

3. The report of the USCIB-LSIB representatives is forwarded herewith (Enclosure) for approval by the National Security Council. With reference to paragraph 4e, page 4 of this Enclosure, USCIB has agreed that the U.S. part of the sixty additional Combined Cipher Machines (CCM) to be provided would be furnished when practicable with due consideration of U.S. National requirements, and other prior international commitments.

4. In view of the sensitive nature and importance of this matter and the possible international complications resulting from the proposed action, the handling and distribution of the Enclosure is considered to warrant special consideration.

/s/ Walter B. Smith
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Chairman, United States Communications Intelligence Board.

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