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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

11 December 1953

Subject: Meeting Called by Captain W. A. Wright, USN, Deputy Chief, PROD, re NSA-CIA Liaison and Interchange of Information.

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1. On 11 December at 0900 a meeting was held in the office of the Deputy Chief, Production, to discuss problems experienced by NSA in procuring information from CIA on Foreign COMINT Organizations and Activities. Present at the meeting were Captain W. A. Wright, USN, Deputy Chief, Production;

[Redacted]

Mr. F. Herczog, Chief, Field Operations Direction Group; Mr. Fred C. Woodrough, Jr., Chief, Liaison Control Section, Production; Lieutenant Colonel D. W. McKinney, USAF, Chief, NSA-764; Lieutenant Colonel René Tallichet, USA, Assistant Chief, NSA-764; and Mr. Francis A. Rupp, NSA-7641.

2. Captain Wright opened the meeting by requesting NSA-764 representatives to outline the purpose and work accomplished by NSA-7641 and he requested a review of NSA-CIA relations in procuring intelligence from CIA for the Foreign COMINT research group. This information was given by Mr. Rupp, who made reference to a file containing requests to CIA for information on Foreign COMINT Organizations. Many requests submitted to CIA by NSA-7641 have remained unfulfilled due to the following reasons:

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a. CIA stated that all suitable information on Foreign COMINT Organizations is given to NSA.

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c. CIA stated that since personnel from the various desks in CIA were not cleared for COMINT, it would be impossible for NSA personnel to directly consult with them.

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e. CIA stated, in reply to a question on the feasibility of NSA-764 analysts looking at the files of CIA, that this proposal would not "work out", because of security matters affecting CIA sources of information.

Mr. Rupp stated that many of the questions asked of CIA remained unanswered and that not even a negative reply had been received.

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CIA representative, briefly outlined

the organization of

[Redacted]

[Large Redacted Block]

4. A meeting between the heads of the Intelligence Support Branch, Counter-espionage Section and NSA-7641 was suggested by a NSA-764 representative. [Redacted] agreed that such a meeting might be desirable, but suggested that he first be permitted to discuss the matter with all components of [Redacted]

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to try to determine the best method of effecting a closer liaison and an exchange of intelligence and information on Foreign COMINT and related efforts.

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5. Captain Wright asked NSA-764 representatives if information was available, and research was actively under way [redacted]

Mr. Rupp, NSA-7641, replied that information was available and being accumulated but that a study was not now being prepared. Captain Wright directed that such a study be prepared and that information requirements for such a study be forwarded to CIA via Mr. Woodrough, Chief, Liaison Control Section, Production.

6. Captain Wright further directed that a revised EEI, containing the types of information desired by the Foreign COMINT Section, be furnished by that Section to NSA-062 before the first of the year.

7. It was suggested by Captain Wright that priority also be given [redacted]

[redacted] It was indicated by Captain Wright that additional personnel might be made available for this effort if necessary.

8. Mr. H. Herczog raised the question of where he was to obtain information concerning cryptologic targets of foreign countries. He asked if NSA-062, NSA-0621 or NSA-7641 had this information. It was pointed out by Captain Wright that he should consult Mr. C. C. Tevis, COMINT Coordinator, to ascertain the source of the information. Mr. Herczog was advised that NSA-7641 was the repository for such information.

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9. The Chief, Field Operations Direction Group, raised the question of whether NSA-7641 would be able to furnish information on the status of current negotiations with third parties. It was determined that NSA-062 was the source of such information. Captain Wright stated, however, that all pertinent information of this nature should be made available to NSA-7641 by NSA-062.

10. After the departure of [redacted] at 0945, Captain Wright asked for the status of work under way in NSA-764 in collecting Soviet telecommunications information. Lieutenant Colonel McKinney, Chief, NSA-764, replied that Lieutenant Commander John Gibson, USNR, was working full time on this project and that satisfactory progress was being made. Captain Wright directed that Lieutenant Commander Gibson not be assigned any additional duties, since he was most anxious to have this information as soon as possible.

11. The question of passing information of interest to the [redacted] which had been obtained from CI Bulletins, was raised. Captain Wright stated that it would be permissible for NSA-7641 to bring such information directly to the attention of [redacted]

12. The meeting was adjourned at 0955.

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