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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Publication in the Press of Classified Communications Intelligence Information.

Reference: USCIB 13.5/33 of 21 January 1954.

1. The reference was considered by the Executive Committee at its Eleventh Meeting on 26 February 1954.

2. Except for paragraph 6 thereof, USCIBEC recommends that the reference be accepted.

3. With regard to paragraph 6 of the reference, USCIBEC are of the opinion that an a priori conclusion is included in the recommendations.

4. USCIBEC therefore recommends that instead of USCIB appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to "study ways and means of consolidating the many COMINT publications now in circulation and of further limiting their distribution", the USCIB Security Committee should be directed to study the matter in order to define the problem more specifically. To that end the Executive Committee has agreed to the following course of action:

a. That each USCIB member other than the Director, NSA be requested to furnish to the USCIB Security Committee a statement of the nature and extent of all external COMINT distribution made by his department or agency in the Washington area.

b. That the Director, NSA be requested to furnish to the USCIB Security Committee a statement of the nature and extent of all COMINT distribution made by his National Center in Washington to other member departments and agencies of USCIB.

c. That the USCIB Security Committee be directed to study the data acquired in this fashion and submit to the Executive Committee a report of the situation in the Washington area together with such recommendations as it may deem appropriate in the premises.

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5. The Executive Committee expressed its intention of considering whether and to what extent, if any, the scope of this investigation should be expanded further upon receipt of the above-mentioned report of the Security Committee.

6. In accordance with paragraph 11 of USCIB Directive Number 1, absence of objection of any member to the above by 1700, Friday, 12 March 1954, will be considered to constitute approval and the Executive Secretary will initiate action as appropriate.

7. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

  
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