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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SECCOM AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Survey of Measures to Increase the Security of COMINT

1. At its meeting on Friday, 14 December, USCIB decided to hold a conference with the British in London commencing late in January concerning various aspects of the following problems:

- a. Global collaboration in time of war.
- b. Relationship with third parties.
- c. Establishment of a NATO COMINT service.

USCIB decided further that the US Delegation to this conference would commence a series of meetings at once in which they would prepare the US terms of reference for this conference. These terms of reference will be considered by USCIB at its next regular meeting on 11 January.

2. In connection with the preparation for this conference it is essential that SECCOM complete that portion of its survey of COMINT security which pertains to combined (BRUSA) regulations and practice. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the SECCOM Ad Hoc Subcommittee to complete this work in time to present its final report at the next USCIB meeting.

3. It appears that the overall survey of measures to increase the security of COMINT may be divided into two parts:

- a. Part I -- Categories, dissemination, clearance standards, use of code words and other matters affecting combined (BRUSA) regulations and practice. Most of these matters were treated in USCIB 13/195.

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- b. Part II --. Physical security, personnel security, destruction procedures, extent of repositories abroad and other matters which affect only US regulations and practice.

It is Part I of this survey which must be completed immediately; arrangements have been made with the USCIB Secretariat to defer the presentation of a SECCOM report on Part II until the February meeting of USCIB.

4. There is attached as Enclosure 1 a listing of the basic reference materials which concern both Parts I and II of the survey.

5. There are attached as Enclosures 2 through 5 additional papers affecting the survey.

6. During the absence of the Chairman (until 7 January), Mr. Collins has agreed to serve as Chairman of SECCOM and of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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As stated in paras 4
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