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Subject: USCIB Policy on Jamming of Foreign Radio Communications.

1. In consequence of a question recently raised in the United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB), with regard to the conduct of communications jamming operations by military commanders, the views set forth below are forwarded for your information.

2. Except as provided in paragraph 7, below, USCIB takes the view that directed jamming of foreign communications should be performed only on circuits approved in advance by USCIB.

3. USCIB approves for jamming, at the discretion of appropriate military commanders, all unenciphered military voice transmissions passing plain-language conversations exclusively.

4. The Director, NSA, should keep COMINT field units informed as to what foreign circuits have been approved by USCIB for jamming.

5. Within the framework of policy established by USCIB, the Director, NSA, should establish procedures which will permit prompt response to any proposals by military commanders to jam communications circuits other than those which have been approved by the Board.

6. The Director, NSA, should provide continuously to COMINT field units the technical circuit information which they require to support any jamming which is performed on communications circuits approved by USCIB or undertaken as provided below.

7. Senior component commanders in affected areas should be permitted to authorize communications jamming without prior USCIB approval when, in their considered judgment, such jamming is essential in the national interest or for the safety of major military forces and time does not permit the obtaining of necessary clearances.

(Signed)
ALLEN W. DULLES
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