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UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD

AGENDA FOR

One hundred sixth Meeting at 1430, on Friday,  
10 September 1954, in the Projection Room,  
Administration Building, CIA, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Chairman

PART I - Agenda Items

<u>Date of Initial Consideration</u>	<u>Subject Numbers</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>
10 Sep 1954	5.2/	1. Approval of Final Minutes of the 105th Meeting.	Exec. Secy.
10 Sep 1954	29.18/	2. Terms of Reference for [redacted] (Ad Hoc Committee Report)*	Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee (NSA Member)
10 Sep 1954	29.19/	3. COMINT Arrangements with [redacted]	CIA Member
10 Sep 1954	13.5/	4. Report of Corrective Measures for Control of COMINT Compromises Due to Ineffective Communications Security.*	Director, NSA

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\* Papers in Preparation.

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PART II - Background Information on Agenda Items

Item No.

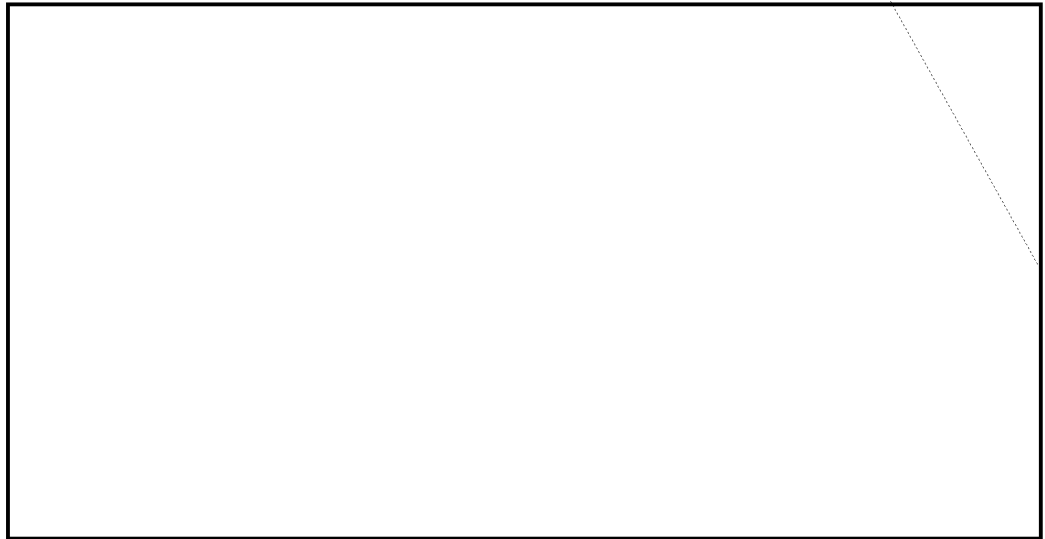
Subject and Summary

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1. Final Minutes of the 105th Meeting. Comments on the tentative minutes of the subject meeting are now being received, and a final version of the minutes will be distributed in advance of the 106th Meeting.

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4. Report of Corrective Measures for Control of COMINT Compromises Due to Ineffective Communications Security.  
In his Annual Report (USCIB 5.4/12) the Executive Secretary noted that in reports available since May of 1953 ineffective communications have been producing COMINT compromises at the average rate of slightly more than five per month. He pointed out that approximately one-half of these compromises involved inadvertent plain text transmissions, many cases of which have revealed TOP SECRET codeword information on readily interceptable radio circuits. He observed that the provisions of USCIB Directive Number 9 are expected to assist materially in the amelioration of this situation but that much depended upon the corrective measures taken by the Director, NSA, since all but one of the electrical compromises noted have occurred in elements under his technical or operational control.  
He commented, further, that "Leakage of COMINT information due to ineffective communications is considered to be our most dangerous security weakness. If not corrected, this weakness can render all other security efforts null and void."


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and recommended that "The Director, NSA be asked to prepare and forward in time for USCIB consideration at its September meeting a status report on action taken to improve COMSEC in the COMINT elements under his operational or technical control together with any recommendations he may deem appropriate." The latter recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee and the Board, and the NSA report is now submitted for consideration.

  
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