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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Yugoslav Request for Intercept Equipment.

1. The Enclosure is forwarded at the request of the Director, NSA.
2. This subject will be considered as an item on the agenda for the next meeting of USCIB.

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H. D. JONES  
Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Request for Intercept Equipment

1. I have recently been informed of an approach made by Yugoslav Admiral Manola to the U.S. Army Attache, Belgrade, for the acquisition of 10-12 induction devices, to intercept telephone conversations in the four adjoining satellite countries. There is attached as an inclosure, an extract of a cable on this subject, from the U.S. Army Attache, Belgrade, to G-2, Department of the Army. Further, it is my understanding that CIA has been informed of this approach to the Army.

2. Copies of the recorded conversations, if made available to the U.S., might prove to be a valuable source of COMINT. The loan of the induction devices represents no particular problem, since this equipment is commercially available at reasonable cost, and thus no classified equipment need be involved.

3. If the Yugoslavs will agree to provide us with recorded tapes or transcripts of all intercepts, it is recommended that the United States provide the desired equipment, perhaps on a free loan basis. Although the initial approach was made to the Military Attache, it is suggested that, in line with previous practice, the Board designate the Central Intelligence Agency as its executive agent for this transaction.

4. It is recommended that the members of the Board be informed of this proposal, and that the subject be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

/s/ Ralph J. Canine  
RALPH J. CANINE  
Major General, US Army  
Director

Incl:

Extract of U.S. Eyes Only Cable  
from the U.S. Army Attache, Belgrade  
to G-2, Dept. of the Army.

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EXTRACT OF A U.S. EYES ONLY CABLE, DATED 10 DECEMBER 1952

FROM THE

U.S. ARMY ATTACHE, BELGRADE TO G-2, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

"During long private conversations Admiral Manola brought up subject of intelligence on satellites. He said that advent of winter adversely affects their information gathering activities.

"He said that Yugos are 'desperately' in need of induction devices to intercept telephone conversations and asked if it would be possible to obtain 10 or 12 from the United States. The request included offer to purchase if necessary. He stated sets are for use in four adjoining satellites and volunteered willingness to sign any desired guarantees as to limitation on places of employment."

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