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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

- Subject: Release of Unclassified COMINT Equipment to Friendly Foreign Governments.
- Reference: (a) USCIB 2/27, dated 7 April 1953, subject as above.
- (b) USCIB 2/29, Item 3 of the Agenda for the Eighty-Fourth Meeting of USCIB, held on 17 April 1953.
- (c) USCIB 2/31, dated 29 May 1953, Subject: Availability of Unclassified COMINT Equipment for Friendly Foreign Governments.

1. The Director, NSA, has informed this office that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, has forwarded to him an additional [] request for the release of unclassified Communications Intelligence equipment to the [] [] This request has a direct relation to the original [] request briefed in reference (a). A copy of the latest request is attached as an enclosure.

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2. The Radio Intercept Central TC9, as requested in the enclosure, is an assemblage of radio receivers, antennas, voice and tape recorders, and an intercommunication and monitoring system. According to the Director, NSA, the unit cost is estimated at approximately \$34,000. Therefore, the latest [] request for equipment would come to a total of \$68,000.

3. It is understood that all available TC9's (approximately 20) are presently being utilized in the field by the Army Security Agency. However, advance technical improvements have brought about the development of a replacement unit, the MX 683, which is now in production. The estimated time of delivery for the improved model is late this summer. Providing delivery is prompt, several TC9's, in excellent operating condition, would be released from the field and could be made available for use by the [] campaign.

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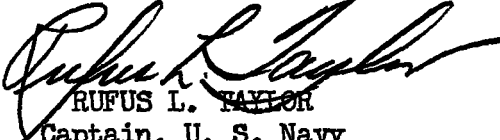
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4. The Director, NSA, has recommended approval of the request providing arrangements can be made on a quid pro quo basis for the provision of

5. It is requested that your views on the above recommendation be recorded on the attached vote sheet which should be returned to this office by 15 July 1953.

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Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure
G2-ASA Memo
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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25 May 1953

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SUBJECT: Release of Unclassified COMINT Equipment to the [redacted]

TO: Director
National Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to:

a. Memorandum for the Director, NSA, from G2, DA, subject: "Release of Unclassified Communication Intelligence Equipment to Friendly Foreign Governments," 23 Jan 1953.

b. USCIB 2/27, subject: "Release of Unclassified Communication Intelligence Equipment to Friendly Foreign Governments," 7 Apr 1953.

c. USCIB 2/29, Agenda Item 3, 84th Meeting of USCIB on 17 Apr 1953, tentative minutes concerning USCIB 2/27.

d. Letter, [redacted] Military Attache, subject: "Assistance Agreement No. DA [redacted] 35 (INC) 101, Our Contract no. 1046/AM," 16 Apr 1953 (copy attached).

2. Concerning the [redacted] request for COMINT equipment discussed in paragraph 2b of USCIB 2/27 (reference 1b above) and portions of USCIB 2/29 (reference 1c above), a check on the availability of the requested equipment within Army supply channels was made on 8 May 1953. The reported availability is as follows:

SCR-255	no stock
SCR-206	4 at Baltimore Signal Depot (Unserviceable but repairable)

This reported shortage of equipment in supply channels would not preclude provision of equipment to the [redacted]; however, supplying comparable facilities at this time would require withdrawal of equipment from using units or provision from current procurement. Comparable equipment will probably not be available from current procurement for nine to twelve months.

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3. Reference is made to the discussion of this problem which occurred at the 84th meeting of USCIB, as reported in USCIB 2/29. It should be pointed out that provision of equipment to the [] through the Military Defense Assistance Program, as they requested, would obviate the necessity for expenditure of U.S. COMINT agency funds. However, the release of such equipment by the U.S. might still be tied in with the exchange of information or material from the []

4. In addition to the [] request for D/F equipment as discussed above, the Department of the Army is now in receipt of an urgent request from them for two Radio Intercept Centrals, TC-9 (reference Id above). The [] further request that necessary action to release this equipment be expedited in order that it may be forwarded to [] at the earliest possible date. The availability of this equipment was also checked on 8 May 1953 and it was ascertained that no TC-9's are available in Army supply channels. Even though TC-9's are not available, it may be possible to supply component radio equipment to meet the [] requirement.

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5. It is recommended that this new request for Intercept Centrals, TC-9, be included with the previous [] request for D/F equipment in any further consideration of assistance to the []

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

1 Incl:
a/s

/s/ Harry R. Boyd
HARRY R. BOYD
Colonel, GS
Acting Executive

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