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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Relocation of D/F Station (USM-6C) from U.S. Sector of  
Berlin

1. The enclosed proposal by the Director, NSA is forwarded for consideration.
2. It is requested that your views with regard to the recommendation in paragraph 3 be entered on the attached vote sheet, which should be returned to this office by 1200, 25 May 1954.

  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: Relocation of D/F Station (USM-6C) from US Sector of Berlin [redacted]

1. The Chief, Army Security Agency, recently conducted a test survey [redacted], in order to determine the merit of relocating USM-6C [redacted]. The results obtained by the ASA, Europe, survey team [redacted] indicate that the US strategic D/F net in Europe would be operationally improved if the D/F unit of Det C, FS 8606 AAU (USM-6C) were relocated from its present site in the US Sector of Berlin [redacted]. The Chief, ASA, has now requested authorization of the subject relocation on a permanent basis.

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2. The following extracts from ASA correspondence summarize the necessary details as pertains to the unit and test surveys:

a. "Area required for site is a 200 yard square. 11 EM required to operate site. This Hq has made 4 physical surveys of [redacted] Berlin since 1951. Gruenwald sites were selected as being the best available (then and now) in the US sector; however, tests also showed conclusively that [redacted] had much lower noise level. Information secured from [redacted] commander in 1951 indicated the [redacted] were reducing forces at [redacted] to a small detachment. Due to close proximity to the USSR sector, it was decided then that the area was not secure for D/F operations. When authority for permanent intercept in Berlin was received, the [redacted] sector was resurveyed for a more effective site than Gruenwald, as factories, power lines, broadcasting stations, and other installations in the vicinity of Gruenwald create such heavy daytime interference that approximately 75 percent of the fixed net targets cannot be heard. The above resurvey again confirmed that the [redacted] area has the lowest noise level of all available areas [redacted]. It was also determined that the [redacted] security means which were adequate for operation of the D/F unit."

b. "The above tests enable this Hq to state that the [redacted] area is the best intercept area in [redacted] Berlin and that there is no area in the US sector that is as good."

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3. Inasmuch as the effectiveness of the US strategic D/F net in Europe would be greatly improved by relocating USM-6C [redacted] [redacted], I recommend that USCIB approve this proposal and request the Executive Secretary to obtain the views of [redacted]. If the proposal is approved by USCIB [redacted] the request for actual relocation will be made through Joint Chiefs of Staff channels.



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Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director

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