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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Semi-Annual Report of the Executive Secretary, USCIB.

Reference: (a) USCIB 5.4/20 of 10 February 1955.
(b) USCIB 5.4/19 of 11 January 1955.

1. It is requested that the enclosed page as amended by reference (a) be inserted in reference (b) and the superseded page be destroyed.
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II. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

A. NARRATIVE.

1. No changes in the routine duties being performed by the Secretariat have occurred since the last report.

2. No further progress has been made on the project of codification of USCIB directives, policies and decisions. While some ground was gained in consolidation of directives, ground was lost in the card indexing of USCIB decisions. This was due to the press of current business brought on by the Petersen Case, the CHICOM problem and the MUSCO affair which resulted in building up new material without a commensurate increase in carding of the old.

3. No further progress has been made on the project to consolidate and issue in one document USCIB directives and policy statements with regard to the security of COMINT. However, it is expected that progress will resume in the near future.

4. Full implementation of the new Appendix "B" went into effect on 1 January 1955. The effect of this action is not yet discernible. A complete set of new code words was introduced concurrently with categorization.

5. The security of electrical transmissions of COMINT is still not satisfactory. It is considered that it is too soon to tell what beneficial effect, if any, has resulted from CIBD #9, and the report by the Director, NSA, contained as an enclosure with USCIB 13.5/81, dated 3 September 1954.

6. The Petersen Case occupied much of the time and effort of the Executive Secretariat throughout the latter half of the period of this report. A dossier on this case is on file in the office of the Executive Secretary. The lessons to be learned from it will be studied and presented for consideration at a later date.

B. COMMENTS.

1. Members are again reminded of the requirement to file copies of their new security regulations with the office of the Executive Secretary. Only two members have done this so far.

2. With the advent of categorization each member should make a diligent effort to divide and compartment his organization so as to allow for only the absolutely necessary minimum of Category III clearances. If effective compartmentation can be achieved, control of damage resulting from compromises can be enhanced materially.

(Amended 23 Feb 1955)

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