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UKUSA Conference, April 1955

I have now considered the report (AAC/55/4 and Appendices dated 21st April, 1955) rendered to us jointly by the U.S. and U.K. delegations to the UKUSA Conference on the \_\_\_\_\_\_ problem which was held at G.C.H.Q. from the 18th to 22nd April, 1955; and I have taken the views of \_\_\_\_\_\_ which as you know was represented by observers at the Conference.

2. I am glad to be able to inform you of my agreement to and ratification of the Conference report and its incorporated recommendations. In particular I have approved the specific conclusions and recommendations contained in the summaries to Appendices B and C of AAC/55/4, and have directed that a table of action be drawn up. on the basis of which G.C.H.Q. in consultation as necessary will take the initiative on those items requiring implementation by the U.K. As the recommendations concern the day-to-day direction of production matters rather than future planning, I am making the heads of the G.C.H.Q. production divisions respectively) responsible for ensuring that

the requisite implementing action is being taken.

3. I confirm that in my opinion paragraph 4 of AAC/55/4 correctly states the position, namely that the Conference recommendations contain nothing which is contrary to the UKUSA Agreement.

4. I should like to add my appreciation of the part played by the U.S. delegation in this Conference and in particular of Mr. Connelly's work in leading them. I am quoting the words of the leader of the U.K. delegation, when I say that, though the Conference may have produced no major new or startling developments, it nonetheless gave the opportunity for a most useful exchange of views, confirmed that for both parties the present co-operation is on the right lines, produced agroement on a number of technical matters, and refreshed the friendliness and sympathy of the two parties for each other's problems. This, I feel, was a worthwhile attainment and I am grateful for the U.S. part in achieving it.

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