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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE: U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD  
U.S. COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Subject: Terms of Reference for the London Communications Security Board.

The enclosed memorandum, setting forth the subject terms of reference, is forwarded for information.

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LONDON COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY AGENCY

c/o ROOM 9,

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

1st June, 1955.

Reference: BJ01/7236

With reference to this Agency's letter L/AB15/4216 of 15th June, 1954, the Cypher Policy Board has now been dissolved and the overall responsibility for U.K. Communications Security has been transferred to the Chiefs of Staff, with whom the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and the Permanent Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, will sit for this purpose. The Permanent Secretary to the Treasury will represent the interests of the other Civil Departments.

The first paragraph of the terms of reference of the London Communications Security Board has been amended accordingly; a revised copy is attached as Appendix A.

When matters affecting Civil Departments, who are not regular members of the LCSB, are to be discussed by that Board (or by its supporting committee or by panels advising the Director LCSEA), the Director LCSEA will ensure that such Departments are consulted and invited to attend meetings as necessary.

/s/

for Director

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LONDON COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The London Communications Security Board shall be responsible to the Chiefs of Staff (with whom the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and the Permanent Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, will sit for this purpose):

- (a) for deciding questions of policy regarding:
  - (i) the security of communications and non-communications transmissions (see para. 2 below);
  - (ii) the supply (including research, development and production) of all cryptographic material and equipment, in consultation with the D.R.P.C. and the appropriate supply agency; and
  - (iii) the security aspects of communications and radio deception regarding British and Allied intentions and dispositions;
- (b) for co-ordinating the demands for all cryptographic material and equipment by the U.K. Services and Civil Government Departments;
- (c) for authorising the release of information on the above subjects and of cryptographic systems, principles, equipment and procedures to:
  - (i) British Government Agencies, Public Corporations and Commercial Firms;
  - (ii) Commonwealth Governments (in consultation with the Commonwealth Relations Office);
  - (iii) Foreign Governments (in consultation with the Foreign Office);
  - (iv) International Agencies (in consultation with the Foreign Office);
- (d) in consultation with the Foreign Office or the Commonwealth Relations Office, for representing the views of H.M.G. to, and concluding agreements with, other governments or agencies of other governments in this field.

2. The security of communications and non-communications transmissions includes:-

- (a) the security of cryptographic systems, principles and procedures;
- (b) the security of all systems, practices and procedures used in communications and non-communications transmissions;
- (c) the physical security of cryptographic material and equipment at all stages; and
- (d) the standards of security applicable to personnel engaged on the development, production or use of cryptographic material or equipment.

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NOTE: In the event of a difference of opinion between the London Communications Security Agency and any other Department, arising over a matter of Defence Security, which cannot be settled in the L.C.S.B., it will be open to any member of the Board to request that the matter should be referred to a joint meeting of the Joint Intelligence Committee and of the Board, under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the J.I.C.

Membership

Director General, Signal Intelligence (Chairman)

A representative of the Foreign Office  
Director of Signal Division, Admiralty  
Director of Signals, War Office  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Signals) Air Ministry  
Director of Communications, Foreign Office

Director of Naval Intelligence  
Director of Military Intelligence  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Intelligence)

A representative of the Treasury  
Director, Government Communications Headquarters  
Director, London Communications Security Agency