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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Proposed

The enclosure is forwarded for consideration in connection with
Item 1 of the agenda for the 102nd Meeting of USCIB.


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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: Proposed [REDACTED]

1. At its 101st meeting on 12 March 1954, USCIB agreed that the Director, NSA, should approach the U.K. COMINT authorities informally to determine their reaction to a proposal that the whole problem of [REDACTED] be discussed between U.S. and U.K. COMINT representatives. It was the consensus of the members that such a discussion should be at a fairly high level and at an early date.

2. The Director discussed this matter informally with Brigadier Tiltman on 15 March 1954. Tiltman expressed the opinion that his people would be favorably disposed toward a discussion of our mutual [REDACTED]. He stated, however, that he would seek an expression of British views by cable.

3. The inclosed messages between the Deputy Director, GCEQ, and Brigadier Tiltman are forwarded for information in connection with USCIB's desire to obtain an indication of probable British views on a formal proposal of this nature.

4. In view of the favorable reaction expressed by Deputy Director, GCEQ, who discussed the matter with his Director General and within GCEQ, it is recommended that USCIB approve a formal approach to ISIB for a discussion of the broad question of U.S.-U.K. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Such a discussion would necessarily have to be limited to the COMINT aspects of the problem, inasmuch as ELINT does not fall within the purview of USCIB.

5. It is further recommended that USCIB and ISIB request the Director, NSA, and the Director, GCEQ, respectively, to prepare a mutually acceptable agenda for a conference on the subject and to work out the details of time and location. The agenda and the terms of reference for the U.S. delegation would, of course, be referred to USCIB for approval prior to the actual conference.

6. A draft memorandum for the Chairman, ISIB is forwarded for consideration (Inclosure 5).

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

 Captain, US Army
 Chief of Staff

3 Incls:

1. DIG 271120Z/3/54
2. DIG 172130Z/03/54
3. Draft memo for Ch, ISIB

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COPY OF SIGNAL FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GCHQ, TO BRIGADIER TILTMAN.

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Personal for TILTMAN from [REDACTED]

Though matter raised in your 172130 para 4 has not been considered officially by LSIB, I have discussed subject matter internally and with Director General.

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2. LSIB will without doubt be extremely disappointed that USCIB's agreement to go ahead with [REDACTED] is not forthcoming. It is appreciated moreover that USCIB may be equally disappointed over the LSIB reply to their [REDACTED] now en route to you.

3. It is regretfully noticed that, as foreseen by U.K. Delegates at March '53 Conference, the [REDACTED] has now developed to the point where COMINT material previously received by the U.K. from the [REDACTED] has been diverted by the latter to U.S.

4. In view of above there is no doubt that LSIB would welcome rationalisation of the US/UK [REDACTED] and would strongly press for US/UK rationalisation of ELINT relations as well.

5. Feeling here is that the matter is urgent and desirability is suggested for a conference to be held at an early date, say May, preferably in U.K. which COMINT and ELINT authorities should attend rather than trying to obtain agreement by correspondence.

6. If USCIB therefore makes this suggestion officially it would be welcomed and a very early exchange of views on paper as a basis for conference discussion should take place.

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EXTRACT OF SIGNAL FROM BRIG. TILTMAN TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GCHQ.

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[redacted] personal from TILTMAN.

4. While there was no disposition in USCIB to deny reasonable nature of LSIB's [redacted] request, it was feeling of Board that the time had come for a more general study of our mutual policy regarding [redacted]. Board therefore charged CANINE with the duty of finding out informally through me what U.K. attitude would be to a U.S. proposal for a high-level (i.e. Board to Board) exchange of views as to the best method of obtaining the maximum value out of [redacted] as a whole with the minimum danger of our own security. The expressed aim of USCIB is a high-level agreement with [redacted].

[redacted] Board is aware that such an agreement might involve disclosure of UK-US collaboration. Board was reluctant to commit itself to a definite proposal on these lines without first of all ascertaining the feelings of LSIB on the subject. Next USCIB regular meeting is 9th April.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, LSIB

SUBJECT: U.S.-U.K. [REDACTED]

1. Over the past few years both the U.S. and the U.K. have established independent [REDACTED] within the scope of Appendix "P" to the UKUSA Agreement. In recent months it has become clear that some extension of those arrangements would prove beneficial to our mutual effort in the COMINT field and certain suggestions toward that objective have been offered.

2. Our Board is of the opinion that, rather than approve requests for extension of the several existing arrangements, perhaps the time has come for representatives of both USCIB and LSIB to discuss the broad problem of U.S. and U.K. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As you know, such a discussion would necessarily have to be limited to COMINT, inasmuch as ELINT is not within the purview of USCIB.

3. If your Board should be favorably disposed toward a review of our arrangements with the [REDACTED], I should like to propose that the Director, GCHQ, and Director, NSA, undertake to prepare a mutually acceptable agenda for a conference on this subject and to work out the details of time and location. The agenda would, of course, be referred to each Board for approval prior to convening the actual conference.

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ALLEN W. DULLES
Chairman, USCIB

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