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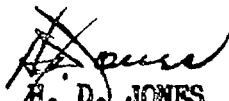
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: U.S. COMINT Relations with

1. Enclosure A, a memorandum on the above subject from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, to the USCIB Coordinator, was referred to the Director, National Security Agency, for comment and recommendation.
2. The reply by the Director, NSA, is contained in Enclosure B.
3. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Enclosure B, this matter will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.



H. D. JONES
Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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- A. AC/S, G2, DA, Memo for USCIB Coordinator, dtd 30 Oct 52, above subject.
- B. NSA Serial: 000396, dtd 8 Dec 52, above subject.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: USCIB COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Communications Intelligence
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1. In a letter to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, FECOM, dated 31 August 1952, subject as above, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, [REDACTED], recommended that a U.S. policy be established concerning continued [REDACTED] operations after [REDACTED]

2. The U.S. Army position with regard to the provision of equipment for the present [REDACTED] effort may be summarized as follows: present Tables of Organization of the [REDACTED] approved by the U.S. Army, include a Communications Reconnaissance unit with appropriate equipment. The equipment is available in [REDACTED], but in view of the existence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3. In forwarding the letter to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, DA, for action, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, FECOM, stated that he had provided the following to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, [REDACTED] as interim guidance:

a. Continue present policy of not issuing radio intercept equipment to [REDACTED]

b. Process Table of Equipment for [REDACTED] in order to permit the issue of equipment on a loan basis only [REDACTED] pending final decision from the Department of the Army.

4. In his reply to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, FECOM, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, DA, stated his opinion that U.S. policy concerning [REDACTED] was a matter for USCIB decision, and that present USCIB policy would normally permit the provision of money and releasable equipment to a [REDACTED]

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COMINT organization in exchange for the products of that organization. In view of the present circumstances and the variable factors which may influence developments, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, DA, informed the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, FECOM, that the interim guidance provided to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, [redacted] should be considered the Army policy on this matter pending its submission to USCIB for decision at an appropriate future date -- probably after [redacted]

5. It is considered that this policy -- withholding of intercept equipment from the [redacted] except on a loan basis to [redacted] -- will have the following advantages: (1) operations essential to U.N. forces can be continued during the present hostilities; (2) signal equipment in great demand will be conserved; and (3) a strong U.S. bargaining position will be retained in possible [redacted]

[redacted] involving the provision of money and releasable equipment to a [redacted] in exchange for the products of that organization.

6. Chief, ASAPAC, has been informed and has been provided appropriate instructions.

/s/ R. C. Partridge
R. C. PARTRIDGE
Major General, GS
A. C. of S., G-2

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: U. S. COMINT Relations with the [redacted]

1. The memorandum for the USCIB Coordinator from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, dated 30 October 1952, outlines present Army policy regarding COMINT relations with the [redacted], and indicates that this policy will govern until [redacted]. At that time, USCIB will be asked to decide future U. S. COMINT relations with the [redacted].

2. The policy adopted by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, FECOM, provides for continuing the present practice of withholding radio intercept equipment from [redacted]. Table of Equipment for [redacted] will be processed "... to permit the issue of equipment on a loan basis only through the [redacted] pending final decision from the Department of the Army".

3. Existing Tables of Organization of the [redacted] approved by the U. S. Army, include a Communications Reconnaissance unit, with appropriate equipment. The referenced memorandum states that this equipment is available in [redacted].

4. Information available to this Agency indicates that enemy targets [redacted] are not now completely covered because of the overall shortage of manned intercept positions. As a result, important traffic is not being received for processing, and potential intelligence is being lost. [redacted] units have demonstrated a high proficiency in the performance of intercept tasks.

5. It is therefore desired that present Army policy governing COMINT relations with [redacted] be placed on the agenda of the United States Communications Intelligence Board for consideration to determine whether this Army policy should be formally adopted as U.S.

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policy, or whether the [redacted] effort should be augmented by organizing and equipping a [redacted] Communications Reconnaissance Unit in exchange for raw traffic and end-products.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

/s/ Alfred R. Marcy
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Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff