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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF AFSAC:

Subject: Establishment of the Joint Security Committee.

1. The attached memorandum in J.C.S. 2010/67 has been withdrawn at the request of the originator from consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and referred to the Armed Forces Security Agency Council for comment and recommendation.

2. This matter will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Fortieth Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 September 1953.

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K. B. MCHENRY, JR.  
Secretary, AFSAC

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19 August 1953Pages 395 - 398, incl.MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

for the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT SECURITY COMMITTEE

References: a J.C.S. 202/72  
 b J.C.S. 2010  
 c J.C.S. 2010/58  
 d J.C.S. 2010/61

1 I am of the opinion that a requirement exists for an advisory body to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters involving communications intelligence and communications security. The present lack of an advisory body is a result of the provisions of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 9, Revised, 29 December 1952,\* that relieve the Armed Forces Security Agency Council of its responsibility in the communications intelligence field without establishing a similar body to operate within the military establishment.

2. Accordingly, I recommend that the provisions of J.C.S. 2010, and J.C.S. 202/72, which establish and provide a charter

\*Appendix to J.C.S. 2010/58

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for the Armed Forces Security Agency Council be rescinded. It is further recommended that the establishment of a Joint Security Committee to operate under the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the attached Terms of Reference (Enclosure) be considered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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1. The Joint Security Committee (JSC) is established as the advisory body to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on such matters pertaining to communications intelligence (COMINT) and communications security (COMSEC) as may be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

COMPOSITION

2. The JSC shall consist of.

a. The Army, Navy and Air Force Members of the United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB), one of whom shall be appointed Chairman, JSC, for a one year term by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The chairmanship shall be rotated among the Services.

b. Not to exceed two additional members from each of the Services to be selected by the Services.

c. An alternate for each Service JSC Member who shall have plenary powers to act in the Member's absence.

d. A representative from the Joint Staff appointed by the Director, Joint Staff, to attend JSC meetings as an observer in order to maintain close liaison between interested agencies.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

3 Acting under the authority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and with their approval, when required, the JSC will:

a. Make recommendations concerning joint operating plans and doctrine for the implementation of COMINT requirements within the Armed Services.

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b. Determine joint policies, operating plans and doctrine for communication security activities, and imitative cover and deception

c. Recommend to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the facilities (except communications facilities), personnel and fiscal and logistic support to be provided by the Services to NSA, such recommendations to be based on requirements as determined by the Director, NSA.

d. Coordinate joint cryptologic military requirements.

e. Consider such communication security and communication intelligence matters as may be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Director, NSA.

f. Coordinate all communication security and communication intelligence matters which affect communication-electronics with the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee.

#### PROCEDURE

4. The JSC will:

a. Establish its own methods of procedure within the established policies of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. Strive for unanimity in its advisory actions to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. When unanimity cannot be reached, substantive matters, as determined by the Chairman, shall be referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for resolution

#### AUTHORITY

5. The JSC is authorized to:

a. Request information and assistance which may be required in connection with its functions from the Joint Chiefs, Joint Committees under the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the elements of the military services that are concerned with COMINT and/or COMSEC.

b. Establish such subcommittees as may be required to assist JSC in the performance of its functions.

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HOLDERS OF J.C.S. 2010/67

(Establishment of the Joint Security Committee)

At the request of the originator, the memorandum in J.C.S. 2010/67 is hereby withdrawn from consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and referred to the Armed Forces Security Agency Council for comment and recommendation.

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RICHARD H. PHILLIPS,  
Joint Secretariat.

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