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SECURITY OF FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE  
BERLIN CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. Are there any feasible means by which these French communications can be made secure (Plan A, Plan B, etc.)?
2. If so, are these plans within, or beyond, the terms of reference established by the US-UK Conference on the COMSEC of NATO Countries in June 1953?
  - a. Those within --
  - b. Those beyond --
3. What would be the effect of applying any of these plans now to the long-range program for the improvement of French COMSEC?
4. What changes to the terms of reference of the US-UK Conference would be required to implement those plans which exceed the terms of reference established by the Conference?
5. In the light of (a) paragraphs 2-4 above and (b) the risks to the success of the Conference and to the security of the US which may be expected to arise from the insecurity of these French communications, should any of these plans be recommended to USCIB and LSIB?

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