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22 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF USCIB:

- Subj: TOP SECRET study dated 7 February 1947 regarding the status and authority of USCIB-USCICC, its members, and the Coordinator of Joint Operations; Comments on.
- Ref : (a) TOP SECRET Memorandum dated 21 April 1947 from Chairman, USCIB to Secretariat, USCIB.
- Encl: (A) TOP SECRET Memorandum dated 15 April 1947 from Chief of Naval Communications and Chief of Naval Intelligence to Lt. Gen. Vandenberg.
 (B) TOP SECRET Memorandum dated 15 April 1947 from Director, Intelligence Division and Chief Army Security Agency to Lt. Gen. Vandenberg.
 (C) TOP SECRET Memorandum dated 4 March 1947 from Deputy to the Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence to Secretariat, USCIB.
 (D) SECRET Memorandum dated 12 Feb. 1947 from Chief Naval Communications to Chairman, USCIB.
 (E) CONFIDENTIAL Memorandum dated 13 Feb. 1947 from Capt. Carl F. Espe, USN to Secretariat, USCIB.
 (F) TOP SECRET Memorandum dated 21 Feb. 1947 from Assistant to the Director, FBI, to Secretariat, USCIB.

1. The Secretariat has been directed by ref. (a) to distribute to USCIB members copies of the comments received from the members on the above subject, and to obtain concurrence or comment on the course of action outlined in enclosures (A) and (B).

2. The enclosures are accordingly forwarded for comment and/or concurrence. Please advise the Secretariat concerning same.

Respectfully

C. T. R. Adams

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Asst. Secretary, USCIB

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15 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL VANDENBERG:

Subject: TOP SECRET study dated 7 February 1947 regarding status and authority of the Coordinator of joint operations, of USCIB - USCICC, and of its members.

Reference: (a) TOP SECRET comment by USCIB Army members on subject study, dated 7 April 1947.

1. It is agreed that very satisfactory progress has been made under the existing plan for joint operations. The desire for continued cooperation and the avoidance of any controversy which may adversely affect it is therefore appreciated and fully concurred in.

2. The recommendations that action on the attached papers, which cover many points of principle, be suspended, and that operations continue under the present directive of the Coordinator are concurred in for the time being - as a result of an informal conference between the undersigned and General Chamberlin concerning the status and responsibilities of the Coordinator. It was agreed in this conference that, should the Coordinator (Navy) have any serious difficulty, which he cannot immediately overcome in executing the duty of his office as he understands his directive - he will refer the matter to Rear Admiral Stone. The latter and General Chamberlin will consider any such difficulty and endeavor to settle the problem. If unable to do so, they will refer the matter to USCIB, or to the Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Staff, War Department, as may be appropriate.

3. In order to insure that the duties and responsibilities of the Coordinator are established on a proper basis for effective results and to settle any of the above mentioned points of principle which may then need to be resolved, the undersigned and General Chamberlin should again confer when the present Coordinator has held office for six months (on or about 1 October 1947) and recommend what further action, if any, should be taken.

/s/ THOS. B. INGLIS
 T. B. INGLIS
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief of Naval Intelligence

/s/ E. E. STONE
 E. E. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief of Naval Communications.

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15 April 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL VANDENBERG,
Chairman, U.S.C.I.B.

1. Careful study has been given the attached file. The progress made under the existing directive of the coordinator has been very satisfactory. The operations have been characterized by a fine spirit of cooperation and good will. The same individuals in charge, who have attained the present standard of coordination, remain in office when the duty of coordinator shifts to the Navy. There appears to be no major matters of coordination now unsettled that cannot be adjusted on the coordinator level under existing arrangements. Many points of principle are brought up in the attached papers which undoubtedly would require much time in solution and might, if attempts are now made to solve them, affect adversely the spirit of cooperation now obtaining.

2. It is recommended that action on these papers be indefinitely suspended and that operations continue under the present directive of the Coordinator.

/s/ S. J. CHAMBERLIN
S. J. CHAMBERLIN
Major General, GSC

/s/ HAROLD G. HAYES
HAROLD G. HAYES
Colonel, GSC

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1947

Memorandum for the Secretariat, USCIB

Subject: Report on the Status and Authority of
USCIB-USCICG, its Members and the Coordinator
of Joint Operations.

1. The subject report by the Chairman, USCICG, dated February 7, 1947, has been given careful consideration by the department of State member of USCIB and his immediate associates. The report appears to be a careful and comprehensive analysis of the origin, history, and present authority of the Board and of the Coordinator.

2. The Department of State member has no comment at this time, but is prepared to meet with the Board when convenient to discuss the conclusions and recommendations.

/s/ W. PARK ARMSTRONG, JR.
W. PARK ARMSTRONG, JR.
Deputy to the
Special Assistant for
Research and
Intelligence

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12 February 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USCIB:

Subject: Report on the Status and Authority of USCIB-USCICC,
its Members and the Coordinator of Joint Operations;
comment on.

1. After a study of the facts and discussion contained
in the subject report, the conclusions and recommendations are
concurring in.

/s/ EARL E. STONE
EARL E. STONE
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Communications

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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13 February 1947

MEMORANDUM to Secretariat, USCIB:

Subject: Report on the Status and Authority of USCIB-USCICC,
its Members and the Coordinator of Joint Operations.

1. The Chief of Naval Intelligence concurs in the
Conclusions and Recommendations set forth in the subject report.

/s/ CARL F. ESPE
CARL F. ESPE
By Direction

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 21, 1947

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MEMORANDUM FOR USCIB SECRETARIAT:~~TOP SECRET CREAM~~

Re: Report on the Status and Authority
of USCIB-USCICC, its Members, and
the Coordinator of Joint Operations

I do not disagree with the conclusions and recommendations of the report dated February 7, 1947, so long as the "directives" of the Coordinator of Joint Operations flow through established channels in order that objections may be raised on unforeseen problems. Further I feel that since a Coordinator does, in fact coordinate rather than direct, the "directives" are in fact recommendations or requests with which the member agency is obliged to comply in accordance with previous policy decisions. The member agencies are further obliged to advise the Coordinator whenever it is not possible to comply with his recommendations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ EDWARD A. TAMM
Edward A. Tamm

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