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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Implementation of NSCID No. 9 Revised

References: (a) NSCID No. 9 Revised, dated 24 October 1952

(b) Memorandum of 4 November 1952 from Secretary of Defense subject: Interim Implementation of NSCID No. 9 Revised

THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM THE ABOVE MEMORANDUM

"9. The COMINT responsibilities of the Military Departments will include, among others, the following:

a. Providing the necessary COMINT facilities and resources for the support of military operations and of the National COMINT effort in accordance with assigned responsibilities.

b. Procuring, organizing, training, equipping, administering, budgeting, and providing logistic support to their respective COMINT units. This will include provision of adequate reserve programs to meet emergency or wartime requirements.

c. Within the limits prescribed by public law and Department of Defense policies, assigning military personnel to NSA for a minimum period of thirty-six months. Longer assignment of specially qualified personnel is authorized as may be arranged with the Department concerned. The Military Departments may add, withdraw, or substitute personnel within the authorized personnel strength of NSA, subject to approval by the Director, NSA.

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d. Advising the Director, NSA, regarding close support matters and recommending the number and composition of COMINT units needed to fulfill the close support requirements of the Departments.

e. Performing COMINT collection and production tasks as specified by the Director, NSA.

f. Submitting COMINT research and development requirements directly to the Director, NSA, for his action, and accomplishing such COMINT research and development and service testing as approved or assigned by him. This does not preclude the Military Departments from initiating and pursuing, subject to prompt notification to and approval by the Director, NSA, such research and development as may be necessary to support their COMINT activities.

10. Where delegation of control is required in close support of a military commander, the Director, NSA, will normally delegate operational control of specified COMINT facilities and resources to the COMINT agency of the appropriate Military Department for assignment to a subordinate unit.

11. The Director, NSA, is authorized to make requests of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Military Departments, and all other government agencies and activities for information and assistance which his functions and responsibilities may require and to furnish such agencies and activities with information and assistance as appropriate.

Signed Robert A. Lovett

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