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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

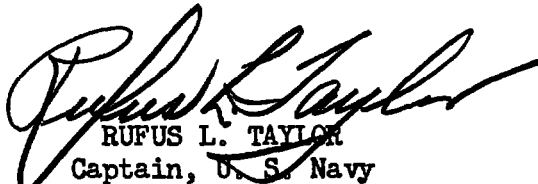
Subject: Revelation of Cryptanalytic Cooperation Between the U.S. and the U.K. Prior to the Pearl Harbor Attack.

Reference: USCIB 13.5/69 dated 25 May 1954.

1. Vote sheet responses to the reference indicate approval by all except the NSA Member who approves subject to substitution of the following for paragraph 3 of the reference:

"3. Revelation of US-UK cryptanalytic cooperation before our two countries were official allies was made in connection with the Report of the Congressional Hearings on the Pearl Harbor Attack. The first reference to such cooperation was made during a public session on 4 December 1945 and is reported in Part 2, pp. 946-951, 981. The second reference to US-UK cryptanalytic cooperation is contained in part 34, p. 85. In this latter instance, however, the testimony was originally taken on 13 July 1945 in a closed session of an investigation ordered by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. Although the findings of this Army inquiry were classified TOPSECRET, they were requested by the Congressional Committee and made an Exhibit to the final report of the Pearl Harbor Investigation. Part 34 containing this Exhibit was published on 14 August 1946 and became a part of the public record in the U.S."

2. While the above is somewhat less explicit than the proposal submitted by the Executive Secretary it is felt that it will serve the intended purpose equally as well. Accordingly, and unless there is an objection on the part of a member while necessary paper work for Chairman's signature is being prepared, the reference as modified by the NSA Member will constitute our Chairman's reply to the Chairman, LSIB.

  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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