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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Release to Canada of NSA Scientific Advisory Board Report Entitled "The Potentialities of COMINT for Strategic Warning"

Reference: USCIB 3.5/7 dated 9 July 1954.

1. The enclosure hereto constitutes a proposal by the Director, National Security Agency for an alternative to the action indicated in the reference. The enclosure is self-explanatory. However, it might be added that release of the information through the channels indicated in the original proposal would not violate the policy of USCIB insofar as to the security of COMINT is concerned.

2. It is requested that the Members execute the attached vote sheet and return it to this office by 1700 Tuesday, 3 August 1954.

3. THIS DOCUMENT AND ITS ENCLOSURE CONTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

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

Enclosure

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SUBJECT: Release to Canada of NSA Scientific Advisory Board  
Report Entitled "The Potentialities of COMINT for  
Strategic Warning"

References: (a) USCIB 3.5/5 dated 1 June 1954

(b) USCIB 3.5/7 dated 9 July 1954

1. Reference (a) circulated USCIBEC's recommendation that USCIB interpose no objection to my releasing to Canada the expurgated version of the subject report, contingent upon certain additional deletions which were recommended by several members of USCIBEC.

2. I have reviewed these deletions, which are contained in reference (b), and find that they pertain in general to three subjects; namely: personnel deficiencies, ELINT, and the North American Continental Air Defense System.

3. My intention in submitting the sanitized version of the report to USCIB was to obtain clearance solely with respect to the releasability of any COMINT that it might contain. Inasmuch as none of the deletions recommended dealt with COMINT per se, it seems apparent that the USCIBEC members considered the document sufficiently sanitized insofar as COMINT was concerned.

4. I realize that the question of proper releasing authority for ELINT matters has not yet been fully resolved. I also realize that USCIB does not have authority to release information concerning Continental Air Defense. However, the Canadian authorities already possess full and complete information on both these subjects. Therefore, any USCIB opposition to the release to the Canadians of parts of the Report dealing with these subjects presumably is directed against the opinions expressed by the Special Study Group whereby the efficacy of U. S. ELINT and Air Defense Operations are questioned. I propose to take care of this objection by an appropriate covering memorandum clearly indicating that

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the entire report constitutes only the opinion of the National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board and, therefore, should not be construed as official positions either of USCIB, NSA, or the US Government. I therefore propose releasing the report, as originally expurgated, to the Canadians. If you do not concur in this proposed action I shall request inclusion of this paper on the Agenda of the next USCIB meeting.



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Director

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