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Subject: Delineation of Foreign Liaison Functions Between the Director, National Security Agency, and the Executive Secretary, USCIB.

1. The following is circulated for information.
2. The Executive Secretary and the Director, National Security Agency, have agreed that in view of USCIB Directive #3 clarification is needed in the delineation of liaison responsibilities of the Director, National Security Agency, and the Executive Secretary, USCIB. In response to certain proposals of the latter, the former has suggested the interim arrangement described below pending a redefinition of the status and subordination of U. S. liaison officers.
3. The Executive Secretary will confine his foreign liaison activities to the following:
  - a. Matters between USCIB and its foreign counterparts as such (i.e., those actually addressed to a Board or Chairman thereof),
  - b. Matters involving non-COMINT agencies exclusively.
  - c. Such other matters as are mutually agreed to by the Director and the Executive Secretary, or as are specifically directed by USCIB.
4. In the use of the channels maintained and operated by the National Security Agency, the Executive Secretary will send all communications on the above-mentioned matters to the Director, NSA, with a request that they be sent to the required addressees. Communications which are not addressed to NSA or the Director will not receive internal distribution within NSA.
5. Communications on matters other than those specified in paragraph 3 above will be the responsibility of the Director, NSA. In the event that a matter does not fall clearly under the responsibility of the Executive Secretary or the Director in accordance with the foregoing, it will be handled initially by the Director, NSA, subject to possible later transfer after consultation with the Executive Secretary.

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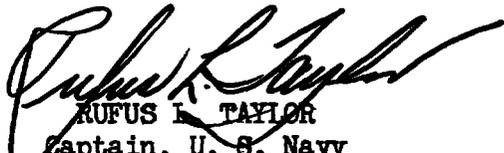
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6. In the conduct of liaison with British and Canadian liaison representatives in Washington, the same general principles will apply. In other words, discussions concerning the communications or matters referred to in paragraph 3 will be conducted by the Executive Secretary; those on other matters, by the Director, NSA. The British and Canadian liaison personnel will be instructed to conform to these rules and when in doubt to consult the Director, NSA.

7. The Director, National Security Agency, has stated that he considers the above arrangements unnecessarily complicated and unrealistic and wishes to emphasize their strictly interim nature. The Director, National Security Agency, also states that "Meanwhile, and unless some change is adopted by the Board, he will continue to exercise the authority and direction of the U. S. liaison units abroad, which he formerly exercised in his capacity as Coordinator. At an early date he proposes to recommend revision of the charter of the U. S. liaison units." He also believes that a revision in the charters of U. S. liaison units is necessary in the light of the abolition of the office of Coordinator and that such revision may in turn require a revision of USCIB Directive #3.

8. In the absence of objection on the part of member organizations the Executive Secretary is prepared to operate in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Director, NSA, pending further consideration of the matter at such time as NSA-proposed changes in the charters for the liaison units are considered by the Board.

  
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