

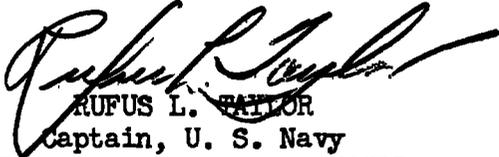
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Subject: Proposed Terms of Reference for the USCIB
Intelligence Committee.

1. The enclosure setting forth the views of the NSA member with regard to subject item is forwarded for information.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

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Reference: USCIB: 4/61

1. At the Third Meeting of the Executive Committee on 19 June 1953, the Chairman requested the NSA member to prepare his comments on substantial points of difference with the proposed terms of reference.
2. It would appear that the provisions of the proposed terms of reference for the USCIB intelligence committee contemplate that:
 - a. A direct formal working relationship will exist between the committee and certain subordinate planning activities of the Director, NSA.
 - b. The committee will exercise certain directive powers under authority delegated by USCIB.
 - c. The committee will be involved in the establishment of priorities for the implementation of COMINT requirements.
 - d. The representative of the Director, NSA, will have no vote in committee proceedings.
3. The Director believes the proposed terms of reference may be interpreted to conflict with certain provisions of NSCID #9 (Revised), particularly the following:

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Para 1d. "It shall be the duty of the Board to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the following procedure, with respect to any matter relating to communications intelligence which falls within the jurisdiction of the Director of NSA."

Para 2c. "Specific responsibilities of the Director of NSA include the following:"...(2) Conducting COMINT activities, including research and development, as required to meet the needs of the departments and agencies which are authorized to receive the products of COMINT."

Para 2h. "The Director shall make provision for participation by representatives of each of the departments and agencies eligible to receive COMINT products in those offices of NSA where priorities of intercept and processing are finally planned."

4. In view of the foregoing, the Director cannot permit the USCIB Intelligence Committee to operate directly with subordinate elements of his activity. Moreover, he considers that the committee should not have responsibilities other than those of an advisory nature in making recommendations to USCIB. Neither should the Committee duplicate the functions of the Director's priorities committees. Further, the Director, as a member of the Board, considers that his representative on the committee should serve with powers equal to those enjoyed by the other representatives.

5. I therefore urge the members of the committee to accept the NSA suggestion revising the terms of reference. The redraft by CIA of para 7 of the originally-proposed terms of reference is now acceptable to the Director.



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