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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Downgrading of References to U.S.-Canadian Collaboration to SECRET.

Reference: USCIB 13.1/4 of 18 February 1954.

1. Further conversation with the [redacted] with regard to the proper interpretation of enclosure 3 with the reference, reveals that the Canadians want the actual CANUSA Agreement and specific references thereto treated as TOP SECRET code-word material, but are willing to permit evidence of collaboration that would not reveal the existence of a written and negotiated agreement to be classified on its merits but in any case not lower than SECRET without any code word.

2. Accordingly, I have assumed that the concurrence accorded the reference can be extended to include the above and have sent the enclosed reply to LOCUS, Ottawa for delivery to CRC.


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

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH COMMITTEE, OTTAWA:

Subject: Downgrading of References to Canadian-U.S. Collaboration to SECRET.

1. I have been instructed to inform you that the understanding conveyed in your cordial memorandum of February 5, 1954 on this subject is accepted by USCIB.

2. It will therefore be our practice in the future to restrict knowledge of a written and negotiated Canadian-U.S. Agreement in the COMINT field to indoctrinated persons. In implementation of this understanding we will employ the classification TOP SECRET and the appropriate code word when making specific references to such Agreement.

3. We do, however, understand that mere revelation of the fact that there is collaboration in the COMINT field between the U.S. and Canada without reference to any specific agreement may, if appropriate, be classified not lower than SECRET without a code word and may, in case of necessity and under properly controlled conditions, be revealed to non-indoctrinated persons who require such knowledge for the intelligent fulfillment of legitimate governmental functions.

4. We suggest 15 April 1954 as a convenient date upon which to put this new practice in effect and, in the absence of an objection from your Committee, will consider it so agreed.

5. I must add my apologies for the long delay in replying to your last letter and hope you will understand that it was occasioned by the discussions which took place between your [redacted] and myself in order to clarify our understanding of some minor administrative aspects of the above.

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

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