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USCIB: 9.2/12 Item 2 of the Agenda for the 108th (Special) Meeting of USCIB, held on 26 October 1954.

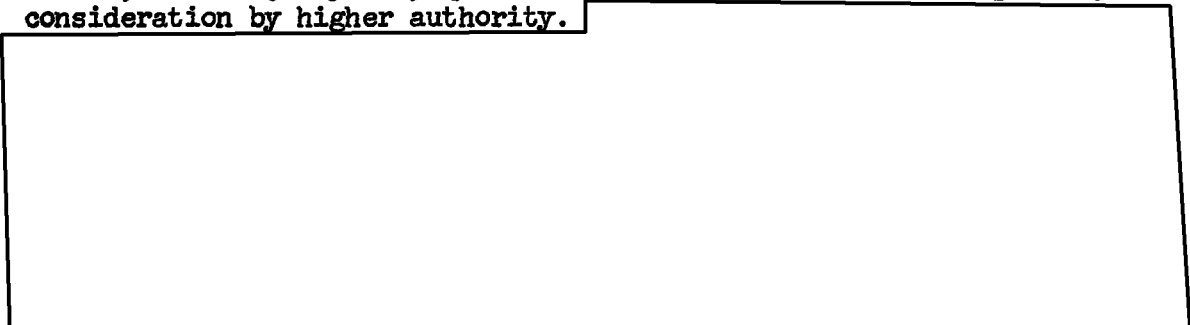
Subject: COMINT Capabilities to Provide Early Warning of Chinese Communist Attack on Formosa and the Off-shore Islands Occupied by the Chinese Nationalists.

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN (Lt. General Cabell) referred to the comments of the Executive Committee on the INTCOM report regarding ways and means of increasing the U.S. COMINT capability to provide early warning of a Chinese Communist attack on Formosa and the off-shore islands occupied by the Chinese Nationalists and asked if the members wished to discuss, one by one, the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

MR. PATTON stated that the Department of Defense supported the recommendations of the Executive Committee and in the interest of streamlining the discussion would like to introduce a memorandum, prepared by General Erskine, for the members of USCIB which addresses itself to four items of major policy concern.

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN asked if the Department of Defense proposal retained those elements which were unanimously agreed upon by the Executive Committee and whether or not the paper contained additional recommendations.

MR. PATTON replied that the Department of Defense memorandum did not contain additional recommendations. It was mostly concerned, he stated, with major policy questions and conclusions which might require consideration by higher authority.



The memorandum for the members of USCIB prepared by the Department of Defense member was then adopted as a basis for discussion.

The ensuing paragraph by paragraph review was devoted to a discussion of the following:

- a. The priority of the COMINT effort against the Chinese Communists.

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- b. The National Policy with respect to defense of Formosa and the off-shore islands in the event of an attack by the Chinese Communists.
- c. The feasibility of employment of ship-borne intercept.
- d. U.S. COMINT base rights on Formosa and quid pro quo in relation thereto.

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The review culminated in agreement upon certain modifications, deletions and additions to the memorandum prepared by the Department of Defense member. The Executive Secretary was then requested to recast the memorandum in the form of a USCIB paper; prepare a memorandum for the Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMINT with appropriate recommendations and circulate both papers for approval by the members of USCIB.

DECISION: (26 October 1954) USCIB agreed:

- a. That the Executive Secretary, USCIB would recast the agreed version of the memorandum presented by the Department of Defense member in the form of a USCIB paper and circulate it for approval.
- b. That the Executive Secretary, USCIB would also prepare a memorandum for the Members of the Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMINT using the provisions of the agreed version of the Department of Defense memorandum as guidance and circulate the resultant draft for approval by the members of USCIB.

The meeting adjourned at 1212.

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