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Subject: Progress Report for Period 15 June 1954 to
1 January 1955

Reference: USCIB 5/460 dated 30 July 1953

This report is in two parts. Part I summarizes the principal actions of the Intelligence Committee from 15 June 1954 to 1 January 1955. Part II is a status report relative to assigned items that have not been completed.



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USCIBINTCOM PROGRESS REPORTPART I

A brief summary of major items the USCIB Intelligence Committee has completed and forwarded since 15 June 1954 follows:

1. Assignment of COMINT to Categories III, II and I.

The Intelligence Committee unanimously agreed on the assignment of cryptosystems and classes of COMINT to categories in consonance with criteria provided in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Appendix B and further delineated in Annexure B1. Recommendations were forwarded to the Executive Secretary on 27 August 1954.

2. USCIB Master Requirements List.

Five recommended changes to this list were forwarded to the Executive Secretary on 15 October 1954.

3. Report by the Director, NSA, on the Extent to Which US COMINT Resources Can Be Applied Effectively to Fulfill the Requirements of the USCIB Master Requirements List.

INTCOM 9.3/17, containing questions which the Intelligence Committee felt must be answered in order for USCIB to assess the extent to which US COMINT resources can be applied effectively to fulfill the Master Requirements List, was sent to the Executive Secretary on 15 October 1954.

4. COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of a Chinese Communist Attack on Formosa and the Off-shore Islands Occupied by the Chinese Nationalists.

INTCOM reviewed in special session on three occasions the present USCIB intelligence requirements in connection with the possibility of a Chinese Communist attack and assessed the National Security Agency's expressed capability to meet the requirements. INT # 0007 which outlined the findings and recommendations of the Intelligence Committee was forwarded to the Executive Secretary on 22 October 1954.

PART II

A brief summary of the status of assigned items not yet completed by the Intelligence Committee follows:

1. Method of Alerting the Highest Authorities Concerning Crucial COMINT Items.

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Status: The Central Intelligence Agency forwarded a preliminary draft survey on this subject to the Director, National Indications Center, suggesting that it be used as considered appropriate in connection with the NIC study and further requested that reports on the COMINT and collateral aspects of the problem be submitted to the USCIB and IAC respectively through appropriate channels.

2. Proposed Changes to Appendix B.

Status: Several modifications to Appendix B were proposed by the National Security Agency. Among these being a proposal relative to marking documents containing Top Secret non-codeword and Secret codeword material and one concerning the problem of furnishing COMINT consumers with information denoting whether a given item of codeword material has been derived from cryptanalytic COMINT processes. After careful consideration, INTCOM recommended that this matter be reviewed after an agreed upon position had been reached with respect to the assignment of COMINT to categories. This has been accomplished and the matter is presently being studied by an Ad Hoc committee with a view to placing it on the agenda for the January meeting.

3. Counter-Clandestine COMINT Planning.

Status: This item has been placed on the agenda for the January meeting.