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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB:

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

Reference: USCIB 5/460 dated 30 July 1953.

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

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USCIBINTCOM PROGRESS REPORTPART I

1. A brief summary of major items the USCIB Intelligence Committee has completed and forwarded since 1 January 1954 follows:

a. Sections VI, VII and VIII of the Information Requirements List:

These final sections were reproduced and distributed in February and March of 1954.

b. Levels at which decisions may be made to permit emergency dissemination of Categories III and II COMINT to non-indoctrinated persons:

A recommendation for approval of a revised USCIB Directive encompassing this item was forwarded to the Executive Secretary, USCIB, 10 June 1954. The revised Directive is a consolidation of contributions by the Executive Secretary, USCIB, the USCIB Executive Committee, SECCOM and INTCOM.

c. Levels at which decisions may be made to permit operational dissemination of Category II Plain Text COMINT to non-indoctrinated persons:

Remark explaining lb above applies to this item also.

d. Levels at which decisions may be made to permit dissemination of Category I COMINT to Third Party Nationals who are allied and engaged directly with the United States in active hostilities:

Remark explaining lb above applies to this item.

e. A mechanism whereby all participating agencies will be notified through USCIB of instances involving emergency or operational dissemination of Categories III or II COMINT to non-indoctrinated persons:

Remark explaining lb above is applicable.

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INTCOM recommendations were forwarded to the Executive Secretary, 19 March 1954. These recommendations, with minor changes, were subsequently approved by USCIBEC and USCIB.

g. Consolidation of effort and a more uniform security policy with respect to the [] Problem:

INTCOM recommendations contained in INTCOM 9.3/9 of 2 March 1954 were forwarded by the Executive Secretary, USCIB to the Department of Defense pointing out that the recommendations concerning [] could be given appropriate consideration by the Department of Defense without the necessity of referring the matter to USCIB.

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EO 3.3(h)(2)PART II

1. Status of items INTCOM has not completed follows:

a. Assignment of COMINT to Categories III, II and I:

Status: Working papers on this subject were prepared, reviewed and discussed during three (3) meetings: 7 January 1954, 20 April 1954, and 18 May 1954. NSA is presently obtaining GCHQ comments on categorization of crypto-systems. These comments are being expedited. INTCOM will give instant attention to this important matter upon receipt of GCHQ reply.

b. Method of alerting the highest authorities concerning crucial COMINT items:

Status: At the Fifteenth Meeting on 20 April 1954, the CIA member reported that work on this subject had been completed and was ready for final coordination. Each INTCOM member would be visited by the CIA representative for final coordination and agreement. This is presently underway.

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Status: An ad hoc committee was appointed, 2 February 1954, to study and comment on USCIB 14.1/2, SECCOM 14.1/2 and CIB #0003. These papers deal with, among other things, proposals relative to marking documents containing TOP SECRET non-codeword and SECRET codeword material, the problem of furnishing consumers with information indicating whether or not a given item of codeword material has been derived from cryptanalytic process and the feasibility of using the codeword to discriminate between COMINT which is fully reliable and completely accurate and that which has only a high probability of reliability and accuracy. The ad hoc committee reported that it felt a sound recommendation could only be made after careful review of the agreed upon position with respect to assignment of COMINT to Categories.