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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 5.7/6      Item 2 Considered at the Twelfth Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 4 March 1954 (Item 4 of Agenda for the Eleventh Meeting).

Subject:            Overt COMINT Liaison with Foreign Governmental Activities. (USCIB 5.7/1, /2, /3, /4)

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out to the members that the directive prepared by the Director, NSA, (enclosure 2 with USCIB 5.7/1) was not up for approval, but represented a sample of the type of directive which will be issued upon approval of Directive Number 12. He stated, further, that various comments and recommended changes to the basic directive had been received and were contained in USCIB 5.7/2, 5.7/3, and 5.7/4, plus an unnumbered version of the directive, prepared by the Director, NSA, which incorporates his recommended changes and some of those contained in the Board papers referred to above. He suggested that the Director, NSA's paper be used as a working document, and indicated what changes should be made to it to have it reflect the amendments proposed by all members.

The members proceeded to consider this paper paragraph by paragraph. The result of their discussions was agreement upon the following changes to Enclosure 1 with USCIB 5.7/1.

a. Sec. IV, Par. 6 - Change period at end to a comma and add:

"or elements of COMINT agencies under his operational or technical control. In cases involving visits to foreign governmental COMINT agencies, USCIB members will express their requirements directly to the Director, NSA."

b. Sec. IV, Par. 8 - Delete.

c. Sec. IV, Par. 9, Line 1 - Strike phrase "the non-COMINT agencies represented on", and insert, after "USCIB", the phrase "members other than NSA".

d. Sec. V - (See below).

The discussion of Section V centered on NSA's recommendation that this section, save its final paragraph, be deleted from the proposed directive. NSA's reason for suggesting deletion was stated by Captain Agnew to be the fact that this is a policy paper and should not contain those details set forth in Section V unless other equally important details are included.

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During the discussion of Section V the subject of SUSLO's responsibilities vis-a-vis international commands arose and it was suggested that the directive should be revised to spell out this relationship. In view of this omission, and the fact that the majority of the members believed the substance of Section V should be retained, it was agreed that representatives of the service organizations and NSA would meet with the Executive Secretary to draft an appropriate "Section V" for vote sheet approval by the Committee members.

With regard to the final paragraph of Section V (par. 3) the members were in agreement that the following final sentence should be added: "USCIB members will furnish the Executive Secretary with information copies of correspondence with the Director, NSA, arranging visits of U.S. personnel to foreign governmental COMINT agencies."

Following the above discussion of enclosure 1 with USCIB 5.7/1, the members turned to enclosure 2 therewith and talked briefly on the subject of diplomatic accreditation for SUSLO. It was informally agreed that the Director, NSA, if he so desires, will raise this question at a future date.

DECISION: (4 March 1954) USCIBEC agreed to recommend approval of enclosure 1 with USCIB 5.7/1 with the specific changes noted in the foregoing discussion, and subject to USCIBEC approval of a draft revision of "Section V" to be prepared by a drafting committee consisting of the Executive Secretary and representatives of the service organizations and NSA.

(Note: The drafting committee met on 10 March 1954. The result of its consideration of the matter was forwarded to USCIBEC members for vote sheet action on 10 March 1954, as USCIB 5.7/5.)

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