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UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AGENDA FOR

Twenty-second Meeting at 1400, on Thursday, 2 December 1954,
in Room 2E-687, National Defense Building,
Washington, D. C.

Captain Rufus L. Taylor, USN, Chairman

PART I - Agenda Items

<u>Date of Initial Consideration</u>	<u>Subject Numbers</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>
2 Dec. 1954	5.3/	1. Final Minutes of the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st Mtgs. .	Secretariat
13 Oct. 1954	9.2/	2. COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of CHICOM Attack on Formosa and the Off-shore Islands (Report by the CIA Member)*	USCIB
15 Sept. 1954	29.19/	3. COMINT Relations with [redacted] (USCIB 29.19/1; 29.19/4; 29.19/7; 29.19/12)	CIA Member EO 3.3(h)(2) PL 86-36/50 USC 3605
22 Oct. 1954	29./	4. Procedure for Handling Intercept Base Rights Problems (USCIB 29./7; Interim Report by Chairman of Ad Hoc Cte.)*	Chairman Ad Hoc Cte.
22 Oct. 1954	14.1/	5. Revision of the UKUSA Agreement (USCIB 14.1/24; 14.1/26; 14.1/28)	Exec. Secy. USCIB
2 Dec. 1954	13.8/	6. Classification and Handling of Documents containing Information about COMINT Activities (USCIB 13.8/29; 13.8/30)	Chairman SECCOM

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*Papers in preparation.

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2 Dec. 1954	9.6/	7. Planning for Counter-Clandestine COMINT Coverage in Time of Emergency (USCIB 9.6/1)	Exec. Secy. USCIB

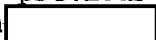
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PART II - Background Information on Agenda Items

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Subject and Summary</u>
1.	<u>Approval of Final Minutes of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Meetings.</u> Changes to before-mentioned minutes have been entered and they have been issued in final form. They are now subject to final USCIBEC approval.
2.	<u>COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of CHICOM Attack on Formosa and the Off-Shore Islands.</u> It will be remembered that at the 109th meeting of USCIB held on 12 November 1954, the Board reconsidered whether a memorandum should be sent to the Special Committee pursuant to previous decision on USCIB 9.2/8 and 9.2/9. USCIB agreed not to forward such a memorandum at this time, and further, that: (1)  (2) USCIBEC should consider and make recommendations with regard to the above-mentioned report so that USCIB could again consider the matter at its December meeting. Essentially the problem is for USCIBEC to formulate and forward to USCIB the former's views on whether action by the Special Committee appears to be necessary to support and assist the CIA efforts to obtain more information.
3.	<u>COMINT Relations with </u> At the 21st meeting of USCIBEC held on 22 October 1954 it was agreed that previous CIA proposals with regard to COMINT relations with  (USCIB 29.19/1) would be re-appraised by the CIA, NSA, State, and Air Force members in the light of LSIB comments (USCIB 29.19/7) and resubmitted for USCIBEC consideration at its next meeting. Meanwhile the NSA member submitted certain comments (USCIB 29.19/4) in modification of the original proposal contained in USCIB 29.19/1. The CIA member has conferred with representatives of State, NSA, and Air Force with the result that still further modifications to the original proposal are now submitted for consideration (USCIB 29.19/7).

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4. Procedure for Handling Intercept Base Rights Problems.
At its 21st meeting on 22 October 1954 USCIBEC established an Ad Hoc Committee composed of representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Department of State, CIA, and National Security Agency, under the chairmanship of the last named representative, for the purpose of making recommendations for procedures for handling intercept base rights problems. The problem before the Committee is as set forth in USCIB 29./7. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee has advised the Chairman of USCIBEC that a full report will not be ready in time for consideration at this meeting from USCIBEC. An interim report will, however, be submitted. The Chairman, USCIBEC has informed the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee that a full report prepared in time for consideration at the January meeting of USCIBEC will be satisfactory. Consequently consideration of this item is merely a matter of noting the interim report and commenting if and as appropriate thereon, unless the Committee should decide that some other action is required.

5. Revision of the UKUSA Agreement. At the 21st meeting of USCIBEC held on 22 October 1954 it was agreed that Appendices G, D, E, L, and M should be considered technical appendices with the understanding that all members of USCIB will be informed in writing through the Executive Secretary, USCIB of every change in these appendices that may be agreed between NSA and GCHQ. USCIBEC agreed, further, to again consider whether Appendices F and K, particularly the latter, should be included in the so-called technical group (see USCIB 14.1/28). This action has been approved by USCIB. Therefore, USCIBEC must now reconsider Appendices F and K and determine whether or not they wish to recommend the inclusion of either or both in the technical group.

6. Classification and Handling of Documents Containing Information About COMINT Activities. USCIB Security Committee has formulated certain recommendations with regard to the classification and handling of documents containing information about communications intelligence activities. These recommendations were drafted in the form of a proposed directive and submitted to USCIBEC for vote on 11 October 1954 (USCIB 13.8/28). The results of that vote have revealed some small divergencies which it has been found difficult to reconcile outside of a meeting. These divergencies are set forth in USCIB 13.8/29 and 13.8/30. The problem before the Committee is to reconcile the remaining differences pointed out in USCIB 13.8/30 so as to permit forwarding of the proposed directive to USCIB with a unanimous recommendation for its adoption.

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7. Planning for Counter-Clandestine Coverage in Time of Emergency.

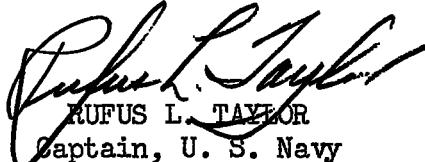
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transmissions, the Executive Secretary of USCIB examined action taken for planning in this important field by USCIB. Having found that little or nothing has been done the Executive Secretary reviewed the situation and recommended that the Director, NSA in collaboration with other members of USCIB, as necessary, undertake to prepare a general plan to insure that adequate COMINT resources will be available in time of war to cover the counter-clandestine COMINT field. This review will be found as the enclosure with USCIB 9.6/1 of 12 October 1954. The Director, NSA has submitted certain comments on this recommendation to the effect that the scope of such a study should be enlarged to include consideration of the responsibilities and arrangements which have been established or may be required for collection, production and use of counter-clandestine COMINT and material collateral thereto (see cover memorandum of USCIB 9.6/1).

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It appears appropriate, therefore, that USCIB should initiate some action at an early date to set in motion the machinery necessary to prepare the U.S. to meet not only its international commitments in this field but primarily its own foreseeable requirements. As a first step in this direction the Executive Committee may wish to form an Ad Hoc Committee to determine whether there is a common interpretation of existing and required responsibilities pertaining to this subject and if not to recommend one for adoption.

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