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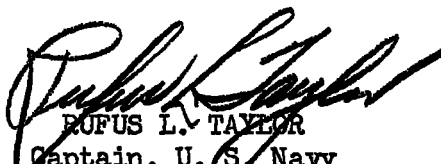
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: Tentative Minutes.

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of the Tentative Minutes of the Twenty-fifth (Special) Meeting of USCIBEC. Please advise the Secretary if any changes are desired.

2. In the event there is no objection to these Minutes on the part of USCIBEC members by 21 March 1955 they will be considered approved.

  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

1 copy of Tentative Minutes,  
Twenty-fifth (Special) Meeting  
of USCIBEC.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH (SPECIAL) MEETING

OF THE

USCIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Captain Rufus L. Taylor, USN, Chairman

PRESENT:

STATE: Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides

DEFENSE: Mr. Philip J. Patton  
(for Mr. William H. Godel)

FBI: (No representative)

NSA: Captain Jack S. Holtwick, USN

ARMY: Lt. Colonel Richard Leffers

NAVY: CDR William F. Bringle

AIR FORCE: Lt. Colonel Frank J. Harrold, Jr.

CIA:

SECRETARIAT: Mr. Hamill D. Jones  
Mrs. Daphne O. Tucker

OGA

ALSO PRESENT:

STATE: Mr. Robert G. Walker

DEFENSE: Mr. Robert E. Drake

NSA: CDR Louis Wimberley, USN  
Mr. Hugh S. Erskine  
Mr. Benson K. Buffham

ARMY: Mr. Richard Battey

NAVY: LT Forrest G. Hogg

AIR FORCE: Major Charles R. Wells  
Major William L. Nichols

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Lt. Colonel Henry C. Simmons, USAF  
(Intelligence)

The Twenty-Fifth (Special) Meeting of the United States Communications Intelligence Board Executive Committee was held at 0915 on 16 February 1955, in Room 2054, Q Building, Central Intelligence Agency.

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Item 1

COMINT RELATIONS WITH [ ]BACKGROUND

1. USCIB 29.17/10 circulated a [ ] report setting forth the results of their initial negotiations with [ ] in implementation of the DEISA Conference (July 1954) on COMINT relations with the [ ] countries.

2. The [ ] report was generally acceptable to USCIB members and they were prepared to endorse the [ ] arrangements with [ ] provided clarification was obtained on two points (USCIB 29.17/12). On the matter of a U.S. guarantee to supply modern COMINT intercept equipment, USCIB informed [ ] (USCIB 29.17/11) that we would need to have some idea of precisely what would be required before making a definite commitment. With regard to the ELINT aspects of the report, [ ] was informed that USCIB was not at present in a position to endorse the arrangements, either for provision of modern ELINT equipment to Sweden or for cessation of any ELINT approaches to [ ] by U.S. authorities.

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3. USCIB 29.17/13 circulates the [ ] reply to USCIB's comments, setting forth in some detail the equipment requirements placed on the U.S. Furnishing this equipment to the Swedes would be in return for agreement to release by the [ ] intercept results to the U.S.

4. The equipment requested is as follows:

a. AN/APR9 Receivers with spares for three years operation. Quantity ten initially to be followed by a further ten equipments at a later date, probably ELRs.

b. SKL Chain Amplifiers TV - 52 with spares for three years operation. Quantity eight.

c. Signal Generators with spares for three years operation, as follows:

TS 419/U	900-2100 Mc/s	Quantity two
TS 403/U	1800-4000 Mc/s	Quantity two
TS 621/U	3650-7300 Mc/s	Quantity two
TS 622/U	6800-10,900 Mc/s	Quantity two
TS 186/UP	Quantity two	

d. Ray Sonograph with spares for three years operation. Quantity one.

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e. Clarke VHF receivers as modified by NSA. Quantity two.

f. SCR - 291 HF D/F equipments. Quantity two.

(NOTE: Item f. is first priority).

5. The [ ] negotiators stated that the financial value of this equipment may be taken as representing the maximum request which the [ ] are likely to make annually in return for agreement to the release of material to the U.S.

6. The [ ] pointed out that [ ] requirements for equipment from [ ] American sources are, and will continue to be, critically examined by [ ] experts in the light of current knowledge of [ ] competence in the technical and operational fields. This examination is made with the object of insuring the most efficient use of the equipment provided and encouraging balanced progress in interception. USCIB's comments were invited.

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CURRENT CONSIDERATION

7. At its meeting on 11 February, USCIB considered the [ ] request and concluded that it could not, at this time, approve a proposal to provide the equipment. The members felt that much of the equipment requested could be used for ELINT purposes, an aspect which was outside the competence of USCIB to decide.

8. USCIB referred the entire matter to USCIBEC for immediate study and recommendation. The Executive Secretary, after conferring with members of USCIBEC by telephone, cabled [ ] and asked him to obtain discreetly the purposes for which the equipment was to be used, with particular reference to that which had definite ELINT capabilities. (USCIB 89.17/15)

9. Meanwhile, a panel of technical experts representing NSA, Navy and Air Force were to study the list of equipment requested by the [ ] and report their findings to their USCIBEC principals. The purpose of the study was to determine just which items could be used (a) for COMINT only, (b) for ELINT only, and (c) for both COMINT and ELINT.

10. USCIBEC is meeting in special session this date to consider a reply from [ ] and the report of the technical panel concerning the equipment.

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11. [ ] reply indicates dividing line between COMINT and ELINT not sharp. Here are the uses to which the [ ] intend to put the equipment.

a. AN/APRQ Communications search; [ ] will use 1 set in ferret aircraft and 4 in [ ] ground station. Maintenance men say 10 APR's need to keep 6 in constant service.

b. SLR is ECM gear, a sturdier field version of the APR. SKL chain amplifier is a component of APR.

c. Signal Generator - Primarily ELINT. Will be used for test purposes in [ ] laboratory and on [ ]

d. Ray Sonograph. Technical search; either COMINT or ELINT. Use in test center at [ ]

e. Clarker VHF receivers; COMINT.

f. SLR 291 HF D/F; COMINT 1 set for [ ] and 1 set for northern sites. Will be used in [ ] D/F net from which UK gets results.

12. SUELO comments that decimetric and centimetric search equipment should yield low level material of the type taken at [ ]. Generators and sonograph are certainly to be used for test purposes. Additionally, the [ ] geographic position should contribute to the success of our VHF activities.

RECOMMENDATION

13. In view of the information furnished by the [ ] regarding the intended use of the equipment, and in view of the increase in the [ ] "take" that undoubtedly would result, it is recommended that the NSA member approve the request.

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