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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 9.3/41      Item 2 of the Agenda for the 114th Meeting of USCIB, held on 8 April 1955.

Subject:            USCIB Master Requirements List (USCIB 9.3/39).

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (General Cabell), expressing his opinion that the Board now has before it a workable arrangement for solution to the requirements problem, suggested a vote of thanks to the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary for their successful efforts. He invited comments on USCIB 9.3/39.

GENERAL CANINE requested that the members refer to paragraph 6 of the paper entitled "Principles of Supplemental Guidance" (the attachment to the enclosure with USCIB 9.3/39). He read the portion which provides that "USCIB should empower USCIBEC or a standing group created by USCIBEC, to act authoritatively ... etc." and said that he could see no reason to authorize establishment of a standing group. This, he said, would undoubtedly lead to the creation of additional unnecessary groups and panels, which might ultimately result in decisions on requirements not being made by USCIBEC, the forum which he believes should be directly responsible.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR explained that the Executive Committee had in mind creating a degree of flexibility, and noted that the provision merely permits the creation of a standing committee should USCIBEC deem it advisable. He also said that it was felt that the "authoritative representative" appointed by each member would not necessarily be the USCIBEC member concerned and that a standing group, if established, might be able to act more quickly on matters concerning requirements, particularly when noncontroversial issues arise. He concluded by pointing out that a dissatisfied representative would have direct recourse to his USCIBEC member, with the NSA representative further empowered to go direct to USCIBEC if dissatisfied.

ADMIRAL ESPE stated that USCIBEC, by its charter, is empowered to set up such standing or ad hoc committees as it sees fit and that amendment of the "principles" as suggested by General Canine would have little effect.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR said that he could understand General Canine's misgivings, as the apprehensions from which they arise were shared to some extent by the Executive Committee. However, he said, the Executive Committee felt it had included adequate safeguards by creating individual responsibilities.

MR. SHELDON suggested revision of paragraph 6 by amending it to read: "USCIB should empower the Executive Committee to act authoritatively on matters of Supplemental Guidance. USCIB may create a standing group to assist it."

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The ACTING CHAIRMAN said that he did not consider that this gets across the original idea of the group, namely, to facilitate and expedite the operation.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR pointed out that a change in paragraph 6 would necessitate a corresponding change in paragraph 9.

GENERAL ERSKINE expressed his opposition to the creation of any more committees than are absolutely necessary.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR reviewed briefly the envisaged operation of the proposed authoritative group, describing its similarity to business-like arrangements for accommodating the conflicting orders of multiple customers for the output of an aircraft manufacturing plant with a unique product and limited facilities for its production.

In response to a question by the Chair, GENERAL CANINE explained why he would prefer to have USCIBEC as the authoritative group. He said that with his present physical separation from his Arlington Hall activities it is impractical to have immediate decisions made by someone so far removed from his (General Canine's) office. His USCIBEC member, he said, is only a few doors from him and thereby in a position of immediate availability if required. He explained that this condition would probably be alleviated with the completion of the NSA move to Fort Meade; however, for the time being he would prefer to have his Deputy Director, Production, do the day-to-day negotiating with consumer representatives on matters of supplemental guidance, and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, who is his USCIBEC member, to be his authorized representative in his relations with USCIB.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR said that from the view of USCIBEC he believed the views expressed by General Canine could be accommodated, with the understanding that his representative will, when a problem arises, refer it immediately to the Executive Secretary, who will handle it by dealing directly with the NSA and other Executive Committee members.

GENERAL CANINE, expressing general agreement with this procedure, and confidence in the Executive Secretary, said that he is willing to have the Executive Secretary set up any machinery he sees fit to insure that the Executive Committee is properly informed on matters on which they are to act authoritatively.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN then asked if General Canine would be content to have the phrase "or a standing group created by USCIBEC" deleted from paragraph 6 with a corresponding amendment to paragraph 9.

GENERAL CANINE replied affirmatively.

The remaining members agreed.

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DECISION: (8 April 1955) USCIB agreed to approve the proposal contained in paragraph 7 of USCIB 9.3/39 subject to the deletion from paragraph 6 of the paper entitled "Principles of Supplemental Guidance" the phrase "or a standing group created by USCIBEC", and the deletion in line one of paragraph 9 of the same paper the phrase "the standing group or" and with the notation that the Board congratulates the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary on the progress made to date on this problem.

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