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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:


Subject: COMINT Collaboration with Australia.

References: (a) USCIB 10./14 dated 14 July 1954.
(b) USCIB 10/40 dated 17 August 1953.
(c) USCIB 10/37 dated 6 February 1953.

1. The enclosure is circulated in connection with reference (a) at the request of the National Security Agency Member.

2. Attention is invited to references (b) and (c) for background information upon which to base consideration of possible future actions regarding national COMINT liaison with Australia. In this connection the organizational description contained in SECTION I of Enclosure "A" with reference (c) is of particular interest.

3. THIS DOCUMENT AND ITS ENCLOSURE CONTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.


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

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: Implementation of Melbourne Tripartite Conference
Recommendations

1. Reference is made to USCIB 10./14, dated 14 July 1954, which noted approval by Australian COMINT authorities of the recommendations of the Melbourne Tripartite Conference.

2. A formal statement of the Tripartite COMINT relationship is now required. The Director, GCHQ, has indicated LSIB will propose to USCIB revisions of Appendices to the UKUSA Agreement in which the basic conference recommendations will be incorporated. When Australia subscribes to the revised Appendices, as agreed between USCIB and LSIB, the latter Board will inform USCIB, thereby completing formal ratification of the Tripartite arrangements.

3. In the interim, the Director, NSA, will proceed with implementation of conference recommendations. Attached for information are copies of messages exchanged between this Agency and DSB regarding the establishment of a U.S. liaison staff at DSB, and a U.S. interpretation of further actions required. It should be noted that, although the Tripartite Conference did not discuss COMINT liaison on the national level as distinct from the technical Agency level, USCIB will presumably establish national COMINT liaison in accordance with the provisions of USCIB Directive No. 12, upon agreement of a formal Tripartite COMINT statement. The Director, GCHQ, has concurred in this concept.

4. When the U.S. liaison staff have had an opportunity to discuss with Australian authorities the matter of establishing national COMINT liaison, the results of these discussions will be reported to USCIB for consideration.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Captain, US Navy
Acting Chief of Staff

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- 1. NSA Msg, DTG 092035Z Jul
- 2. DSB Msg, DTG 190740Z Jul

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ROUTINE

TO: DIRECTOR, DSB

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AUSTRALIAN SECDEF MEMO X 3 STROKE 7 OF 27 MAY 54 PAREN INCLOSED WITH YOUR MEMO 2 STROKE 13A OF 28 MAY 54 PAREN FORWARDED TO USCIB PD PARA 6 OF SECDEF MEMO INDICATES YOU MAY NOW PROCEED ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WITH DIRECTORS OF GCHQ AND NSA TO IMPLEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING CERTAIN CHANGES WHICH UK AND US MAY MAKE IN UKUSA AGREEMENT AND WHATEVER CHANGES AUSTRALIA AND UK MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY IN COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT PD SIMILAR AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS HAS BEEN GRANTED TO NSA BY USCIB AND TO GCHQ BY LSIB PD DIRECTOR NSA HAS SELECTED DR ROY JOHNSON AS SENIOR US LIAISON OFFICER CMM MELBOURNE PD ALSO SELECTED ARE MR DONALD MCDONALD AND CLIFTON STUBBLEFIELD PAREN COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN CHIEF CMM US NAVY PAREN AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RESPECTIVELY TO DR JOHNSON PD NO FURTHER ADDITIONS TO SUSLO MELBOURNE STAFF NOW PLANNED PD SUSLO AND STAFF WILL ARRIVE MELBOURNE ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPT 54 SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AND ARRIVAL DATE PD SUCH APPROVAL REQUESTED HERewith PD REQUEST FURTHER THAT DSB PROVIDE DR JOHNSON AND STAFF WITH SPACE AND OTHER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT INCIDENT TO OPERATIONS TO BE PERFORMED PD NSA WILL BE PLEASED TO MAKE SIMILAR

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PROVISION FOR DSB REPRESENTATIVES WHEN SENT TO US COMINT COLLECTION OR PRODUCTION ESTABLISHMENTS PD MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING US LIAISON ORGANIZATION SUCH AS ITS MISSION CMM FUNCTIONS CMM RESPONSIBILITIES CMM AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE FURNISHED BY COURIER OR BY DR JOHNSON ON HIS ARRIVAL PD US MILITARY ATTACHE IN MELBOURNE IS BEING REQUESTED TO FURNISH TO PARTY ON ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL AFFAIRS SUCH AS HOUSING AND ON CERTAIN LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS WHICH ARE NOT INCIDENT TO OPERATIONS PERFORMED WITH DSB PD MESSAGE INCLUDING ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SENT TO SUSLO LONDON WITH REQUEST THAT HE INFORM GCHQ AND OBTAIN GCHQ COMMENTS

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