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U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARDSubject: Procedures for Dealing with Requests by Foreign Nations  
for Cryptographic Assistance.

Reference: USCIB 12./4 (COMSEC 2-/6) of 20 August 1954.

1. Vote Sheet replies to the recommendations contained in the reference indicate general approval subject to the following specific comments:

DEFENSE:

"Recommend these procedures be extended to apply as per the comment of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee (Reference paragraph 2 of the document.)"

NAVY:

"Inclosure 1 of the Memorandum from the Chairman, Combined Ad Hoc Committee, dated 20 August 1954:

- a. In paragraph 1 change last two lines to read: 'advice pertaining to communication security or the use, development, or improvement of communication security equipment'.
- b. Change 'cryptographic' to read 'communication security' in the following places:
  - (1) Paragraph 2, line 2
  - (2) Paragraph 2c, end of line 2, beginning of line 3
  - (3) Paragraph 5, line 1
  - (4) Paragraph 7, line 1
  - (5) Paragraph 8, line 5
- c. In paragraph 6, line 2, delete 'crypto-' before 'material.'"

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"It is assumed that procedure in cases where it is decided to release classified military communications security information will be such that release will not be without prior knowledge of the appropriate agencies."

2. The effect of the comment by the Navy Member is to reword the proposed procedures so as to extend their application in the manner suggested by the Defense Member and in conformance with the opinion expressed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

3. With regard to the comment by the Treasury Department member it is suggested that the phraseology in paragraph 4 of the "Procedures", namely, "the Director, NSA, will if current policy permits, take appropriate action to fulfill the request" be construed to include an obligation on the part of the Director, NSA to insure that prior knowledge of a decision to release is furnished to appropriate agencies. In addition the Executive Secretary will normally inform the Members of USCSB and USCIB of any foreign requests which are notified to his office even though not specifically instructed to do so.

4. In view of the above, it is suggested that the Secretariat reissue Inclosure 1 of the Memorandum from the Chairman, Combined Ad Hoc Committee dated 20 August 1954, under title "Procedures for Dealing With Requests from Foreign Governments for Communication Security Assistance" and otherwise make changes as recommended in the above quoted Navy comment.

5. In the absence of objection on the part of any Member by the close of business Thursday, 16 September 1954, the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 above will be considered adopted.

  
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