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CODE WORD MATERIAL

23 June 1953

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Possible Compromise of COMINT Code-  
word Information.

Reference: USCIB 13/308 dated 16 February 1953.

The enclosure, prepared by the Director, NSA, in ac-  
cordance with the provisions of the reference, is forwarded  
for information.



H. D. JONES  
Deputy Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure  
DirNSA Serial 000333-S  
dated 15 June 1953.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Possible Compromise of COMINT Codeword Information

1. On 13 May 1953 a cryptosecurity violation occurred at 6920th Security Group, Johnson Air Force Base, Irumagawa, Japan. On that date the following was inadvertently transmitted in the clear over an interceptable radio circuit to Hq. USAFSS, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas:

" // TOP SECRET CANOE // CITE HQ USAFSS CRYPTO PASS "

2. The codeword, per se, has been identified as being connected with a highly classified matter, but its association with COMINT is not indicated. No advantage can be foreseen in a change of codeword, and such change is not proposed.

3. The Director, GCHQ, has been requested to inform appropriate British officials.

4. The foregoing is submitted in accordance with the Inclosure to USCIB: 13/308.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

(Signed)  
ALFRED R. MARCY  
Colonel, US Army  
Chief of Staff

Enclosure with USCIB 13/345 dated 23 June 1953.