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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

Reference: USCIB 13.7/33 of 30 August 1954.

1. In acting on the reference all except the CIA member approved it without change. The CIA member approved the reference subject to the following amendment:

"The following editorial changes are suggested on page 2 of Enclosure with INTCOM 0005:

a. Par III D - The second sentence be amended to read:
'[redacted] of this sort shall be assigned to the subcategory for [redacted] which is established under subparagraph E2 below.'

b. Par. III E - Subparagraph 2 b be amended to read:

[redacted]
'[redacted] of such high intelligence value or sensitivity as to require assignment to this subcategory.'

c. Par. III E - Subparagraph 2 c be amended to read:
'Messages regardless of origin or destination dealing with the [redacted] of such high intelligence value or sensitivity as to require assignment to this subcategory.'

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2. Previous deliberations in the Intelligence Committee have indicated considerable interest in the substantive aspects of the listings in paragraph III E of the reference. The Army member was particularly desirous of ensuring that the really sensitive material included in the terms of subparagraphs 2 b. and 2 c. of paragraph III E of the reference not be dropped into Category II through any lack of guidance in the machinery of selection.

3. The changes proposed by the CIA member have been discussed with the Army member who feels that they would be acceptable if it is clearly understood that any member department or agency of USCIB can designate any or all traffic of the kind described in the above-mentioned subparagraphs as Category III sub-category material and expect it to be so treated until a determination for downgrading to Category II can be made. The CIA member perceives no objection to such a condition and the Executive Secretary considers it to be inherent in the entire system of

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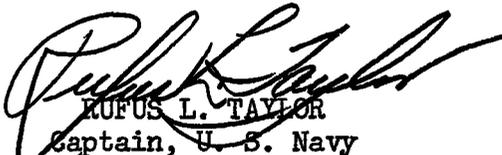
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categorization otherwise application of the idea of using Category III for information protection as well as source protection purposes would become too cumbersome to be practical.

4. It is, therefore, recommended that the CIA change be accepted by all members with the understanding set forth in paragraph 3 above.

5. If there is no objection on the part of any member by the close of business Thursday, 16 September 1954, the Executive Secretary will consider the reference approved as amended by the CIA member and will proceed with suitable notifications to LSIB [redacted] In this connection it is expected that a reply from latter may take some time.

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