

USCIB: 13.7/24

2 July 1954

~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Emergency Dissemination of COMINT to Non-indoctrinated Persons.

Reference: USCIB 13.7/20 dated 10 June 1954.

1. Vote sheet replies on the reference indicate that there is still a divergence of view that needs to be resolved. Except for those indicating straight approval, the replies in detail are as follows:

DEFENSE:

"a. The suggestions set forth by the Executive Secretary in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter, USCIB: 13.7/20 of 10 June should be accepted, and the necessary changes made in the draft.

b. Paragraph V. A. should be changed as follows:

- (1) Line 6: add 'Category III' after 'each individual.'
- (2) Same line: add sentence, 'When Category II COMINT is involved, a general description of the extent and nature will suffice.'

NSA:

"(1) Section IV, paragraph D 3a of INT #0001, dated 9 June 1954, contains provisions regarding the transmission of Category I COMINT in plain language. These provisions appear to conflict with the more restrictive provisions regarding plain language transmission of classified information, as the latter are stated in Executive Order 10501, ACP 122, and documents which implement Executive Order 10501. It should, for example, be made clear in INT #0001, that Category I COMINT classified TOP SECRET should not, under any circumstances, be sent in plain language.

(2) It is recommended that the last two sentences of this subparagraph of INT #0001 be deleted and replaced by the following:

'It may be transmitted in plain language under the same conditions as those governing the plain language transmission

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of any other classified information (see Executive Order 10501, or pertinent implementing documents of the Executive Branch, or ACP 122).'

(3) With reference to paragraph 5 of USCIB 13.7/20, both recommendations by the Executive Secretary are approved."

(Executive Secretary's Note: While the wording used by the drafters of the proposed directive was extracted verbatim from paragraph 36a of Appendix "B" to the UKUSA Agreement and although paragraph 3 of NSCID #9 permits USCIB wide latitude in applying to COMINT Executive Orders not specifically applicable to COMINT, there appears to be no sound reason for USCIB to desire any variation from more strict classification rules applying to the transmission of plain text in general. In fact, USCIB would certainly not desire any less security for Category I COMINT than for other material of the same classification as is clearly indicated in paragraph 14 and the first sentence of paragraph 36 of Appendix "B". Therefore it would appear that the NSA amendment is well taken.)

NAVY:

"This office concurs with the recommendation that this directive be approved on a trial basis of 1 year from date of approval.

The substitution of 'agent for this purpose' is not acceptable. However, neither is the present wording of the footnote acceptable. It is recommended that it be re-worded as follows:

'This authority is to be exercised and decisions made personally by the incumbent or in his absence, by that person duly authorized to succeed.' *

* This wording is completely acceptable to the INTCOM members of Army & State."

STATE:

"I approve the draft directive as drawn on a trial basis of one year.

I disapprove the change proposed in para 4 of 13.7/20."

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2. Accordingly, the reference and its enclosures will be placed on the agenda for discussion and resolution at the next regular meeting of USCIBEC.

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


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