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INTCOM: 13.7/10

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

1. The USCIB Intelligence Committee prepared recommendations relative to the lowest levels authorized to disseminate under certain emergency and operational conditions Categories III, II and I COMINT to non-indoctrinated persons and take action thereon. The INTCOM paper (13.7/8 dated 9 February 1954) was then forwarded to the USCIB Security Committee for review and comment.

2. INTCOM's paper reflected the following views:

A. USCIB should prepare to meet the unknown; should have a flexible plan of action in writing before the unanticipated happens.

B. The lowest safe level of command should have authority to instantly take appropriate action during unforeseen and unpredictable emergencies without the necessity of thinking about referring the matter to a Board or Committee.

C. Interpreted the word imminent in Paragraph 35d of Appendix "B" to mean "threatening to occur immediately." Interpreted the word emergency to mean "an unforeseen combination of circumstances which calls for immediate action."

3. The Security Committee, using INTCOM recommendations as a working paper, prepared a proposed USCIB Directive (enclosed). The only significant difference in the viewpoint of the Two Committees appears to boil down to the first sentence of NOTE 2, Pages 2 and 4 of the proposed Directive which reads: "This list applies only in situations where there is not sufficient time to enable the designated authority to refer the matter to USCIB."

A. It is felt that the scope of the proposed Directive (Paragraph III) places adequate restrictions upon the lowest level of authority as far as obtaining a decision from USCIB where there is time. Accordingly, the following is recommended:

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Change Footnote 2 of Pages 2 and 4 to read:

"Exceptions and limitations to this list shall, in each case, be specifically authorized by USCIB. (See Appendix "A" for current list of exceptions and limitations to the above list)." This change would simply eliminate the first sentence.

B. In addition to the above changes, it is felt that the following suggestions would further clarify the proposed Directive:

(1) Change Paragraph III to read "This Directive is intended to apply only to nationals of the United States of America and of the British Commonwealth and provides for:

- (a) (Remain same).
- (b) (Remain same).
- (c) "Exceptional dissemination of Category I COMINT to certain allied nationals not included in the scope of this Directive."

(2) Begin Paragraph IV.C.1. with: "In addition to the emergency provisions of Paragraph IV.B. above and" (present paragraph as is to follow).

(3) Change the words "Third Parties" in Line 5 of Paragraph IV.D.1. to "Allied countries not included in the scope of this Directive . . ."

4. In view of the similarity of the two papers with respect to the lowest levels at which such decisions may be made and such action taken, plus the excellent job the Security Committee has done in writing the proposed Directive, it is recommended that:

A. The proposed Directive prepared by the Security Committee be used as the basic paper.

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B. Consideration be given to recommended changes contained in
Paragraph 3 above.

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