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USCIB: 13.7/8      Item 3 of the Agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 26 March 1954.

Subject:            Distribution and Security Control of COMINT Required by Certain Non-Member Organizations. (USCIB 13.7/7)

THE CHAIRMAN opened discussion by stating that substantive action on this item would be deferred until the next meeting in order to permit necessary preliminary administrative action to be taken by some of the members. He explained that the purpose of the instant paper is to review the existing situation and to achieve centralization of routine distribution and security control in the hands of only one member for each activity and organization which receives COMINT and is not under the exclusive cognizance of a single member department or agency. He stated that this action is recommended as being in accordance with the as yet not fully achieved purpose of USCIB Directive Number 5. He asked that the members consider the list with that idea in mind and be prepared at the next meeting to present specific deletions, additions or other amendments as necessary. He recognized the unique problem facing the OSD Member and suggested various alternatives by which it might be solved citing as an example the action taken in assigning security and distribution control for the White House to CIA.

CAPTAIN AGNEW asked that in preparation for the next meeting the record show that NSA questions the propriety of assigning responsibility to NSA for Budget, Treasury and Project LINCOLN, pointing out at the same time that NSA is not in the dissemination business.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that the list is only a working paper quite arbitrarily drawn in order to provide a point of departure.

MR. KEAY noted that the list makes USCIB the clearing authority for the Department of Justice and asked if that is intended to imply that FBI obtain USCIB approval for such clearances.

THE CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative.

MR. KEAY pointed out that such a provision would not be compatible with the emergency situations that occur in handling such matters.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that his intention in presenting the problem was to cover routine situations involving distribution and security control and suggested that Mr. Keay's point be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman added that emergency situations must be dealt with on the basis of the circumstances of the moment which might preclude an opportunity for prior reference to USCIB.

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[redacted] brought up the question of clearances in the Bureau of the Budget.

There followed a general discussion of the problem in which it was brought out by MR. PACKARD that the Bureau of the Budget presents a good example of duplication in clearances.

THE CHAIRMAN pointed out that the effort under discussion is singleness of responsibility in routine distribution and security control of COMINT. He expressed the opinion that administrative clearances without reference to codeword material should suffice in the case of the Bureau of the Budget.

Referring to the Chairman's remarks concerning the problems facing the Department of Defense, COLONEL TOWNSEND asked if the OSD Member could provide some indication of his contemplated action so that the Service Members could adjust their positions accordingly.

MR. ZANDER agreed that his office would discuss Department of Defense solutions with the Services in time to be prepared for substantive action at the next meeting of USCIBEC.

DECISION: (26 March 1954) That action on USCIB 13.7/7 would be deferred to the next regular meeting of USCIBEC.

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