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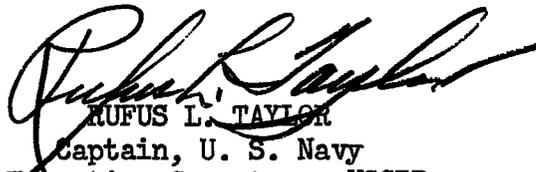
MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: Categorization of COMINT.

Reference: USCIB 13.7/35 of 20 September 1954.

1. The enclosed recommendation by the Air Force Member of USCIB to assign certain COMINT to Category I is circulated herewith together with comments by the NSA Member indicating difficulty in reaching agreement amongst the intelligence agency representatives on the Air Force proposal.

2. Accordingly, this matter will be included on the agenda for discussion and resolution at an early meeting of USCIBEC.

  
RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Categorization of COMINT

1. In accordance with the provisions of USCIB 13.7/35, the attached request for assignment of COMINT information to Category I was submitted by the Chief of Staff, USAF, to the Director, NSA.

2. It was not possible to receive the approval of the intelligence agency representatives with whom this agency must coordinate actions in the assignment of COMINT to the various categories. In view of the wide scope of the request, important security considerations, and possible relationship of the request to the recent recommendation of the Killian Committee, it was considered the matter should be referred to USCIB.

3. It is requested that action be undertaken to place this matter before USCIB or USCIBEC as you consider appropriate.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

(Signed)  
JOHN B. ACKERMAN  
Major General, U.S. Air Force  
Vice Director

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: ~~(Confidential)~~ Categorization of Comint

TO: Director  
National Security Agency  
3801 Nebraska Avenue  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to USCIB 13.7/35 wherein you were designated as the USCIB Agent responsible for the preparation and maintenance of lists of Comint assigned to categories.

2. Concepts in Air Force planning for tactical Comint support of air commanders are based primarily upon the passing of Category I Comint to non-indoctrinated persons of the air operations system. In order that maximum operational benefit consistent with security may be derived therefrom, Comint close-support plans must be a reality in all overseas theaters, as well as the Zone of Interior, before the outbreak of hostilities.

3. As Comint is presently categorized, Radio Squadrons, Mobile in support of air units facing an enemy in other than the South China area are not permitted to pass information derived from enemy air voice traffic to U.S. air controllers without prior approval. It is therefore vital that action be taken now to approve for immediate assignment to Category I all information of immediate operational use and of extreme perishable nature resulting from the monitoring of enemy air defense circuits, voice-ground controller, and air-to-air voice and/or CW traffic, regardless of the nationality or origin or language employed.

4. It is recommended that the "assigned" Category I be re-constituted to include the following:

a. Plain-text tactical or operational traffic emanating from either ground or airborne transmitters, which relates to the activity and/or control of aircraft, early warning, artillery direction and movement of front line units, regardless of the language employed or point of origin. This does not include the results of advanced traffic analysis or interpretations of complex changing call-sign systems derived from Category II or III sources.

b. Procedural and map reference systems used in conjunction

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with material listed in paragraph 4a above except those specifically assigned to Category II or III.

c. Crypt intelligence from Naval tactical maneuvering codes, when used as such, and from jargon codes.

d. Traffic intelligence and crypt intelligence from analysis of radar tracking reports and visual observation reports as found in tactical or operational traffic, provided that interpretations of complex changing call-sign systems are not included. This includes low-level enciphered position reports and related data derived from Soviet bloc air defense and navigational nets except as specifically excluded.

e. Comint concerning weather which is derived from Category I Comint sources. This includes "by-product" weather intelligence derived from sources described in sub-paragraphs a and b above.

f. Traffic intelligence relating to D/F mission assignments, bearing reports and fix reports (i.e., Target frequencies, call-signs, "piped signals", other signal information, bearings and fixes), provided that no interpretations of complex changing call-sign systems are included.

5. In accordance with the reference, it is requested you take the action necessary for accomplishing the categorization of Comint as described in paragraph 4 above.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

(Signed)  
MILLARD LEWIS  
Major General, USAF  
Deputy Director of Intelligence