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"HAZARDOUS DUTY"

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: Hazardous Activities.
Reference: Paragraphs 29 through 31 of Appendix "B" to the
UKUSA Agreement.

1. The enclosed Report of the Chairman of the Security Committee forwarding a proposed directive in implementation of the reference is submitted for consideration. The Executive Secretary concurs.
2. Members are requested to execute the attached vote sheet and return it to this office prior to 1700, Friday, 21 May 1954.


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

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~~TOP SECRET U.S. EYES ONLY~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

Subject: Assignment of COMINT Personnel to Hazardous Duties

1. The Security Committee, as requested by the Executive Secretary, has prepared a draft directive (attached) outlining USCIB policy regarding the assignment of COMINT personnel to hazardous duties. All pertinent portions of Appendix B to the UKUSA Agreement are included in this directive.

2. The SECCOM believes that the parent USCIB member should be responsible for the assignment of indoctrinated personnel to groups, in accordance with their knowledge of COMINT, and the subsequent removal of their names from those groups after appropriate post de-briefing intervals. In regard to an individual supplied to another member department or agency, this directive requires the using activity to furnish the parent activity with a recommendation concerning the group to which that individual should be assigned.

3. The SECCOM believes that exceptions for groups A, B and C personnel should be approved by the parent USCIB member - an exception for group D must be approved by USCIB.

(Signed)
WILLIAM R. CULMER
Major, Arty., USA
Chairman, SECCOM

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USCIB DIRECTIVE NUMBER _____ (CIBD # _____)

(Approved by USCIB on _____)

ASSIGNMENT OF COMINT PERSONNEL TO HAZARDOUS DUTIESI. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this directive is to prescribe USCIB policy concerning engagement in hazardous activities by personnel who have previously been indoctrinated for COMINT.

II. DEFINITIONS

Hazardous Activities--For the purpose of this directive, hazardous activities are those which place a person in a position where he runs a substantial risk of being captured or otherwise subjected to interrogation, e.g.:

- a. Duties behind enemy lines, or in shore operations off an enemy or Iron Curtain country..
- b. Flights over enemy or Iron Curtain territory unless on recognized corridor routes.
- c. Raids, minor formation attacks, underwater demolition operations, and service with a unit or formation forward of Division Headquarters.
- d. Duty in or visits to Iron Curtain countries and also other areas where from time to time local conditions are considered to involve an unacceptable risk.
- e. Transit through the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria unless in authorized military or diplomatic transport on regular routes.

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A. GENERAL - Every effort shall be made to ensure that no person who has a knowledge of current value about COMINT, such that his capture or interrogation could be a substantial risk to the security of COMINT, shall be assigned to or engage in activities of a hazardous nature, or engage, officially or unofficially, in such activities.

B. ASSIGNMENT TO GROUPS -

1. All persons who are or have been indoctrinated will be divided into four groups:

a. GROUP A - Producers of Category I COMINT who have no knowledge of other Categories are classed as Group A. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only on the authority of senior officers. (No restrictions are applied to the recipients or non-indoctrinated producers of Category I COMINT only.)

b. GROUP B - Individuals who have knowledge of current value about Category II COMINT are classed as Group B. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only after six months separation from such material.

c. GROUP C - Individuals, other than those specified in subparagraph d. below, who have knowledge of current value about Category III COMINT are classed as Group C. They may be assigned to hazardous activities only after a separation of one year or longer from this type of information.

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d. GROUP D - Individuals with precise knowledge of COMINT processing techniques, competence, or potential, regarding the more sensitive Category III COMINT material are classed as Group D. They shall not be assigned to hazardous activities at any time.

2. Responsibility for assignment to Groups A, B, C or D above, of individuals cleared for COMINT by USCIB members and cancellation after appropriate post de-briefing intervals rests with the parent USCIB member. USCIB member departments or agencies using indoctrinated persons from another member department or agency shall, upon release of such individuals to their parent activity, furnish that activity with suitable recommendations regarding the group to which those individuals should be assigned.

C. EXCEPTIONS - Exceptions to the above policy shall be authorized only after careful consideration in each instance of the advantages to be gained, as opposed to the risk involved. In considering exceptions to Paragraph II. d. the protection offered by diplomatic status should not automatically be considered sufficient, but should be assessed in the light of the particular circumstances involved.

1. An exception in the case of GROUP A, B or C personnel shall be approved by the USCIB member of the department or agency concerned. The Executive Secretary USCIB shall be promptly notified of each exception approved.

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2. An exception in the case of GROUP D personnel shall be approved by USCIB.

D. IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Instructions restricting assignment of personnel as outlined in Paragraph B. 1. above shall be issued by each member department or agency to its appropriate personnel assignment office. These instructions should permit of no exceptions, other than unforeseeable emergency, without prior reference to the USCIB member concerned.

2. Copies of such implementing instructions as are issued should be provided the Executive Secretary, USCIB, for information.

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