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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 13.2/55      Item A (not on agenda) discussed at the 113th Meeting  
of USCIB, held on 11 March 1955.

Subject:            Handling of COMINT by The Clark Committee  
(CIB 00046; USCIB 13.2/54).

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (General Cabell) referred to a request (USCIB 13.2/54) for clearance and indoctrination of three additional members of the Clark Committee, Messrs. Kearns and Hallings and Dr. Russell, and asked if the members were willing to confirm their "need to know".

There were no objections.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN then presented the recommendation that the office of the Executive Secretary be recommended as the final repository for the COMINT portion of the Clark Committee Report, and that the Executive Secretary be authorized to convey this information to the Clark Committee. He invited comments.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR explained that he has discussed the COMINT aspect of the report with General Ovenshine, who has been most cooperative and is trying to follow the Board's instructions on handling. Noting that the Committee will finish its work about April 15th, he said that the big question at this time is whether or not the COMINT portion of the report should bear the codeword.

After a brief discussion the members agreed to omission of the codeword and approved the proposals set forth by the Executive Secretary in CIB 00046 subject to the use of an additional, prominent stamp stating: "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CODEWORD MATERIAL".

GENERAL CANINE asked if anyone has talked with Mr. Hoover concerning the COMINT aspects of the Clark Committee Study.

When it was realized that such discussions have not been held the ACTING CHAIRMAN said that he would be willing to offer the Chairman's services in this regard.

It was so agreed.

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DECISION: (11 March 1955) USCIB agreed:

(1) To approve the "need to know" of Messrs. Henry Kearns, Ernest F. Hollings, and Dr. Donald S. Russell.

(2) That comments on the success, failure, progress or processes in the production of COMINT be couched in the most general terms feasible.

(3) That, with the understanding that (2) above will result in generalized statements, COMINT codewords not be used and instead there be prominently displayed on the cover of the document a stamp or other marking using the single phrase: "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CODEWORD MATERIAL".

(4) The Executive Secretary may call upon the members of the Board to supply SSO services to the Clark Committee if and as required and should offer these services to the Committee.

(5) That in addition to the marking indicated in (3) above the COMINT portion of the report be preceded by the caution: "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE AND MUST BE HANDLED AND STOWED SEPARATELY FROM OTHER TOP SECRET MATERIAL WITH ACCESS LIMITED TO THOSE PERSONS DESIGNATED BY NAME ONLY".

(6) That the final repository of the COMINT portion of the report be a segregated one provided exclusively for COMINT. For this purpose the storage facilities of the office of the Executive Secretary, USCIB are offered and recommended.

(7) That the Chairman, USCIB should endeavor to brief Mr. Herbert Hoover concerning COMINT and the COMINT portion of the Clark Committee Study.

This item to be dropped from the agenda.

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(Corrected, 25 Mar 55)