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USCIB: 13.2/41 Item 2 considered at the 107th (Special) Meeting of USCIB, held on 15 October 1954.

Subject: Clearance for Category III COMINT (Clark Committee).

MR. SHELDON stated that he had circulated a memorandum on 12 October 1954 (USCIB 13.2/39) in which he requested that the Board determine the "need-to-know" of the Chairman and members of the Clark Committee and such sub-committees requiring information on COMINT as the main committee may find it necessary to establish. He said that in view of the responsibility of his Agency to brief the committee at an early date he would like an expression from the Board at this time.

MR. GODEL said that he had talked with Major General Christiansen on this subject, and that the General had agreed that there would be a "need-to-know" only on the part of General Clark and himself.

MR. SHELDON pointed out that the terms of reference for the committee, including the limited amount of time at their disposal, would indicate that his Agency should be prepared to indoctrinate members as the need arises rather than give rise to the possibility of having to make frequent and frantic reference to USCIB.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that Generals Clark and Christiansen be indoctrinated and that General Clark's advice be sought with reference to the "need-to-know" of other members of the committee.

The matter was discussed further, resulting in a recommendation by the Chairman that no members of the committee be indoctrinated until he has an opportunity to discuss the matter further with General Clark. He thought it possible that none of the committee members will require indoctrination, which would simplify the problem tremendously.

It was brought out that, in any event, no indoctrinations will be required for the initial briefing to be given the committee on Monday, 18 October.

DECISION: (15 October 1954) USCIB disapproved the request contained in USCIB 13.2/39, pending discussions between the Chairman and General Clark on the subject of "need to know" of members of his committee.

This item to be continued on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1700.

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