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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Proposed Revision of Appendix H, BRUSA

1. The enclosure has been prepared by the U.S. Conference Planning Committee as a recommended U.S. position on the above subject.

2. This proposal is forwarded with a view to consideration at the Eighty-second USCIB meeting.


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The inclusion has been considered by the members of the Executive Committee on the BRUSA Planning Conference and is recommended for approval for utilization by the U.S. representatives. The following is a summary of principal changes recommended by the Executive Committee:

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Appendix H

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APPENDIX H - sheet 1

COMMUNICATIONS

(For details See Annexure H1)

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS REQUIRED

Exclusive and readily extensible telecommunications between Agencies, and between Agencies and their outlying stations, will be maintained in order to make possible the rapid flow of all types of raw traffic from the points of interception to the several Agencies; the rapid exchange of all types of raw traffic, technical matter and Communication Intelligence between the Agencies; and the efficient control of interception coverage. In addition lateral communications between stations of one party and Agencies or stations of the other may be provided for the same purposes as necessary and mutually agreed.

2. INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF TERMINALS

The terminals of circuits or channels intended exclusively to carry Comint traffic between the British Commonwealth and the United States will be installed, maintained and operated as arranged by the appropriate Comint Authorities of the countries concerned and, although normally such terminals will be installed, maintained and operated by the appropriate U.S or British Commonwealth authority on whose territory the terminals are situated, this will not be obligatory.

3. PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

The provision of equipment of all types will be by mutual assistance where necessary and practicable and as agreed in each specific case.

4. CRYPTOGRAPHIC AIDS

(a) Common cryptographic aids will be used for combined Comint communications. The matter of cryptographic aids will be kept continuously under review with the object of maintaining and increasing security and of facilitating communications.
(b) In order to reduce the number of personnel required for communication and cryptographic operations and thereby to augment the forces available for direct intercept operations, and also to improve speed and accuracy, the ultimate goal should be the transmission of all Comint material in on-line cryptosystems. Every effort should be made towards this end, consistent with the policies of the services of both countries.

5. **BAG ROUTES**

Bag routes will be kept under review with the object of taking full advantage of sea and air services.

6. **MICROFILM**

All agencies will be equipped to handle microfilm so that it may be available for use when it is not practicable to send the original material.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON**

A representative of the Director, GCHQ, and a representative of the Director, National Security Agency, will be given the specific duty of keeping under review Comint communications problems and raising and advising on such problems as they occur.