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Subject: COMINT Planning Conference Agenda.

1. The enclosure, pertaining to the BRUSA Planning Conference, scheduled to begin in March 1953, has been prepared by the Director, NSA, and is forwarded with a request for your concurrence in the proposals contained therein.

2. To permit notification to LSIB prior to its next meeting on 13 January 1953, the Director, NSA, has requested that an expression of USCIB views be obtained by 9 January 1953. Accordingly, it is requested that the attached vote sheet be returned by that date.



H. D. JONES

Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

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1. On 20 November a tentative agenda for BRUSA Planning Conference was transmitted to SUSLO for Director, GCHQ. On 2 December, SUSLO informed Director, NSA, that LSIB approval would be sought for acceptance of the items on the proposed agenda and transmitted informal views of the Director, GCHQ, concerning suggested changes in that agenda.

2. These changes were:

a. Opening of conference, 2 March 1953.

b. Unless Director, NSA, objected, to delete Item 3 (Communications).

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d. Extend Item 7(b) (BRUSA Collaboration Problems) to include principles of wartime dissemination from combined agencies and to discuss, generally, [redacted] arrangements.

e. To invite Canada to a tripartite discussion, upon conclusion US/UK conference, on Items 5(b) [redacted] 6(b) [redacted], and 7(d) (Collaboration with Commonwealth Countries).

3. On 12 December, SUSLO was informed that Director, NSA, subject to USCIB approval, was inclined to agree to changes a, c, d, and e, above. Additionally, Director, NSA, requested informal views of Director, GCHQ, concerning inclusion Item 1 (Revision of Appendix B - Security) of the conference agenda to the agenda for discussion at tripartite conferences with Canada and stated that he preferred not to drop Item 3 (Communications) because communications are involved in other items on the Agenda. On this same date, Director, NSA, was informed by SUSLO that LSIB had approved the tentative agenda, subject to the changes proposed by Director, GCHQ.

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4. On 22 December, Director, GCHQ, replied as follows:

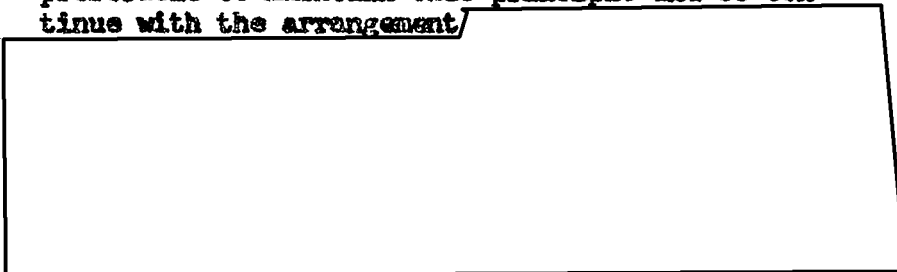
a. Agreed to retain Item 3 (Communications) on the Agenda.

b. As regards the agenda for the tripartite conference with Canada, did not accede to suggestion to include Item 1 (Revision of Appendix B - Security) for the following reasons:

" (1)



(2) As the subject matter of Appendix B to the basic BRUSA Agreement has in the past been a matter for discussion between USCIB and LSIB only, it is preferable to maintain that principle and to continue with the arrangement/



c. Proposed that "in presenting the suggested tripartite conference agenda to the Canadians, to reword Item 7(d) in the following form: 'To consider the implementation in respect of Canada of paragraphs 11 to 16 inclusive of Appendix Q to the BRUSA SIGINT Agreement'. This particular wording has been agreed in discussions between U.K. and Canadian authorities, and U.K. has already promised Canada to propose it to U.S. as item for discussion at a tripartite conference."

5. The Director, NSA, has concurred in the rewording of Item 7(d), as above, and has informed Director, GCHQ, that subject to USCIB approval, the other British proposals would be agreeable. The Director, NSA, now proposes to extend to Canada a formal invitation to participate

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in a US/UK/CAN conference to begin on or about 20 March 1953. In the event that the Director, GCHQ, continues to maintain his position with respect to the inclusion of Item 1 in the US/UK/CAN agenda, it would appear desirable to hold US-Canadian discussions of the changes to Appendix B immediately following the tripartite conference.

6. USCIB approval of, or comment on, the foregoing is requested not later than 9 January 1953, in order that Director, GCHQ, may be advised of the Board's formal acceptance prior to LSIB's next scheduled meeting on 13 January 1953.

RALPH J. CANINE  
Major General, US Army  
Director

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