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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Establishment of [redacted]

Reference: USCIB 14/256 dtd 24 November 1952.

Pursuant to USCIB decision with regard to the reference (81st USCIB Meeting) the following reply, which was prepared by the Department of State member, has been transmitted to the Director, GCHQ:

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"USCIB welcomes and endorses your proposal to establish an [redacted] and recognizes the valuable contribution that can be made to critically needed COMINT coverage in that part of the world. USCIB hopes, however, that LSIB will consider a postponement of approach to the [redacted] government until U.S. negotiations now underway with [redacted] have reached conclusion. There are grounds for fearing that another request following too quickly on the heels of the first might evoke adverse reaction from the [redacted] that would endanger both British and U.S. projects. U.S. COMINT authorities are working with all possible speed to capitalize on the not unfavorable reaction thus far obtained from the [redacted]. If your Board will postpone presentation of the RAF proposal to the [redacted] we will inform you immediately when negotiations for the U.S. project have progressed to the point where no real fear is felt that another request might have unhappy results all around. We believe that this point will have been reached quickly enough to avoid imposing substantial delay on the RAF project."

[Signature]
H. D. JONES
Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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