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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Introduction of New Codeword.

Reference: USCIB 13.4/3 dated 24 August 1954.

1. Replies to the reference indicate approval of all Members to the introduction of the new sub-category and a new codeword for use therewith on 1 November 1954. It is, however, felt that this approval was based on the understanding that introduction of categories would be feasible by that date. It now appears doubtful that final U.S. agreement on the delineation of Categories together with LSIB and Canadian CSB concurrence therein can be obtained in time to meet conveniently the 1 November date suggested by the U.K. The result is that 1 December now begins to look more likely.

2. In addition all Members have indicated that they would favor a clean sweep of new codewords upon the introduction of Categories. This matter is therefore being explored with the U/K and Canada as a desirable step but not as a condition precedent for the introduction of Categories.

3. Whatever the outcome of all this may be, this office will attempt to:


(a) Arrange for the introduction of Categories as soon after 1 November 1954 as practicable.

(b) If practicable arrange for a complete change of codewords upon the introduction of Categories.

(c) Assure a minimum of 30 days advance notice of introduction of Categories if not attended by a general codeword change.

(d) Assure a minimum of six weeks advance notice of the introduction of Categories if attended by complete change in codewords.

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