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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 13.5/99 Item 6 of the Agenda for the 24th Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 28 January 1955.

Subject: Release of COMINT to the Legislative Branch of the Government (USCIB 13.5/95).

THE CHAIRMAN explained that this item was put on the agenda to resolve divergent views contained in vote sheet replies. He stated that the main points of concern are:

- (1) The Army member's recommendation that the word "should" in subparagraph 2. "l.b." of the enclosure with USCIB 13.5/93 be changed to "shall", and
- (2) The Navy member's recommendations that:
 - (a) "In accordance with departmental policy" be added to the first sentence of subparagraph 2. "l.a.", and that
 - (b) The last sentence of subparagraph 2. "l.a." be deleted.

The ensuing discussion concerned principally the Army recommendation.

MR. GODEL said that he would agree to the use of "shall" instead of "should"; however, he added his belief that the change is unrealistic, pointing out the fact that senior officers do, upon occasion, release COMINT to members of Congress and that such disclosures cannot be controlled.

With regard to the Navy recommendation (see subparagraph (2)(a), above) it was agreed to incorporate the phrase in question at the beginning of the first sentence of subparagraph 2. "l.a.",

The Navy-recommended deletion of the last sentence of subparagraph 2. "l.a." was approved.

DECISION: (28 January 1955) USCIBEC agreed to recommend USCIB approval of the policy set forth in the enclosure with USCIB 13.5/93, amended as indicated above.