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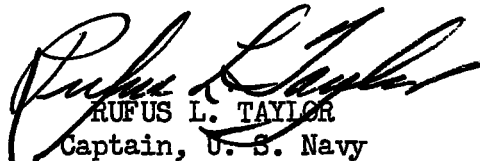
Subject: USCIB Policy Concerning Release of COMINT to the
Legislative Branch of the Government.

Reference: USCIB 13,5/28 dated 4 May 1954.

1. The enclosure contains a unanimously-agreed recommendation by the Security Committee concerning promulgation of USCIB policy with regard to the release of COMINT to the Legislative Branch of the Government.

2. It is requested that members execute the attached vote sheet and return it to this office by close of business 29 December 1954.

3. THE ENCLOSURE WITH THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

Subject: USCIB Policy Concerning Release of COMINT to the
Legislative Branch of the Government

Reference: USCIB 13.5/58 dated 4 May 1954

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the reference, the Security Committee reviewed ways and means of enhancing the prospect of being able to maintain the degree of security desired for classified information made available to the Legislative Branch of the Government.

2. A detailed review of present procedures for making classified information, both COMINT and non-COMINT, available to members of the Legislative Branch resulted in a unanimous recommendation that the following be approved and promulgated as USCIB policy:

"1. USCIB recognizes that occasions may arise when it will become necessary to make available to the Legislative Branch of the Government information about COMINT or perhaps even COMINT codeword material itself. In such cases, the following policy will govern the release of such material:

"a. Information about COMINT may be made available to members of the Legislative Branch, on a strict 'need to know' basis, by the USCIB member concerned, or by a person duly authorized by him. The USCIB member or the person duly authorized by him shall caution all recipients concerning the sensitivity of the information about to be revealed and emphasize the vital need for its protection. When furnishing this information to a Congressional committee, the individual will respectfully request that the room be cleared of all personnel other than the members of the committee; that such information be given in executive session only; that no transcript of the proceedings be made; and that such information not appear in the Congressional Record or other documents open to public inspection. Should an occasion arise wherein information about COMINT is provided an individual member of Congress on a strict 'need to know' basis, the same procedures for safeguarding such information furnished a Congressional committee will apply.

"b. COMINT codeword material should be made available to the Legislative Branch only as directed by USCIB."

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