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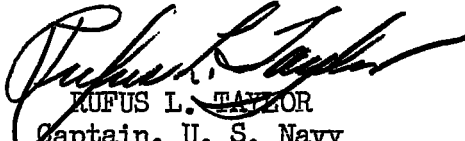
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Allied (NATO) Communications Security.

1. Pursuant to USCIB decision at the Eighty-eighth Meeting, the members of the Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMINT have been informed of the results of the US-UK Conference on the above subject.

2. A copy of the memorandum of information is forwarded herewith for your file.


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Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR COMINT:

Subject: Allied (NATO) Communications Security.

1. On 9 June 1953 the Chairman, United States Communications Intelligence Board (USCIB) forwarded to the Special Committee a brief resume of subject problem together with the information that a conference of representatives of USCIB and of the London Signal Intelligence Board (LSIB) opened in Washington on 5 June 1953 to consider the entire problem of the security of the diplomatic and military communications of the NATO nations.

2. The conference concluded its deliberation on 12 June 1953 and submitted a report which was approved by USCIB with minor reservations on 10 July 1953.

3. It was agreed that the national communications of the various NATO nations are vulnerable to a varying degree and that they may at any time carry information which would be inimical to the best interests of the US and UK if it came into the knowledge of the USSR. This is particularly true of diplomatic communications.



4. The conference concluded that:

- a. Steps must be taken to improve the national communications of NATO nations, starting with the French.

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- b. Such steps must not lead to direct disclosure of cryptanalytic techniques beyond those already published in commercially available material or known to be within the capacity of the cryptanalytic organization of the NATO nations concerned.
- c. The actions taken should be calculated to prevent the leakage of effective communications security principles to non-NATO nations.

5. A course of action was recommended by the conference to accomplish the following:

- a. Early improvement of French communications security.
- b. Subsequent action through the communications security machinery of the Standing Group of NATO to improve communications security of other NATO nations as necessary.

6. In approving the report of the conference USCIB named the Department of State the cognizant US authority to arrange for an approach to the French Government and agreed that:

- a. UK authorities would be notified.
- b. No member would be estopped from raising the question of desirability of using other than NATO channels after negotiations with the French have been undertaken.
- c. That this problem will be reviewed by the Board at approximately one year from date.

FOR THE UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

/s/ Allen W. Dulles
ALLEN W. DULLES
Chairman

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