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~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Evaluation of Plan ADVANCER.

1. The subject report, covered by an explanatory memorandum giving a brief summary, with references, of the whole ADVANCER operation to date, is enclosed herewith.
2. Consideration of the enclosure, with specific reference to the recommendations contained in paragraph 9, will be listed as an agenda item for the 115th Meeting of USCIB.



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Enclosure
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REFERENCE : a. USCIB: 28/1, 15 November 1950
b. USCIB: 28/6, 8 December 1950
c. USCIB: 28/7, 25 May 1951
d. USCIB: 28/14, 11 December 1951
e. USCIB: 28/15, 11 December 1951
f. USCIB: 28/16, 14 December 1951
g. USCIB: 28/18, 12 March 1953
h. USCIB: 28.1/1, 13 October 1953
i. USCIB: 28.1/2, 7 January 1954
j. USCIB: 28.1/3, 29 January 1954
k. USCIB: 28.1/5, 15 February 1954

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1. As a result of Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) consideration of the problem of Russian jamming of the Voice of America (VOA), the Department of State member brought the matter of intelligence support of the VOA before the 55th meeting of USCIB. (Reference a)

2. USCIB's recommendations, including one naming the Board as central coordinating body for the program, (Reference b) were generally approved by the IAC and the National Security Council, (NSC) and reissued as NSC Action 66/1 in January 1951.

3. Plan ADVANCER was drawn up by the Director, Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA), now the National Security Agency (NSA), in May 1951. (Reference c) USCIB's Technical Committee recommended a pilot operation [redacted]

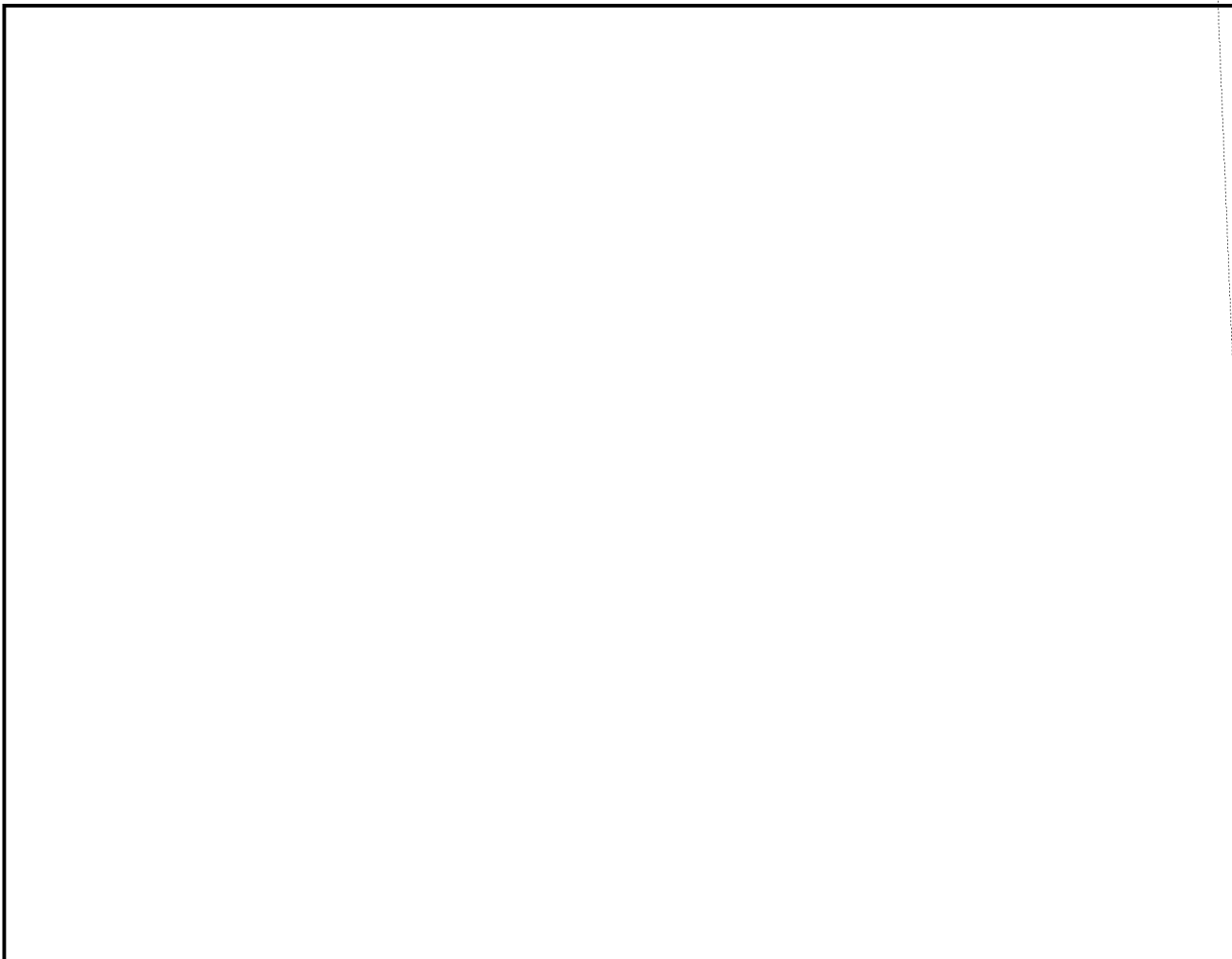
[redacted] under the operational control of the Director, AFSA. This was to be incorporated into the over-all Plan ADVANCER when such was implemented. (Reference d)

4. Meanwhile, USCIB, noting certain objections raised by the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (Reference e) was unable to agree on the plan outlined in NSC 66/1. Instead, the Board recommended that NSC authorize the Department of State [redacted] to implement NSC 66/1 as a pilot operation while the Department of Defense reconsidered Plan ADVANCER on technical grounds. (Reference f) This was approved by the NSC as Action No. 612 in February 1952 and the members of USCIB were notified. (Reference g)

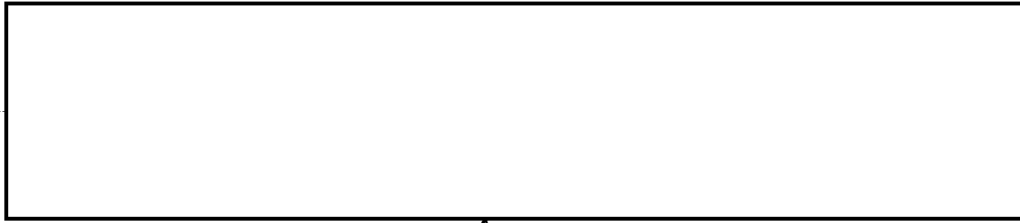
5. By NSC Action No. 840-a of 11 July 1953, reiterated as NSC Action No. 169 of 27 October 1953, Plan ADVANCER was merged with other operations in the electromagnetic communications field. The Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) was designated as coordinating officer to prepare a progress report for the NSC by 1 January 1954.

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6. On 30 September 1953, the Secretary of Defense requested USCIB's views on implementation of Plan ADVANCER as soon as definite conclusions could be reached as to the value and utility of the information (Reference h)



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