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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 29.5/12 Item B (Not on Agenda) for the 28th Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 22 April 1955.

Subject:
(Entertainment Funds).

(Note: This item was considered as the first order of business at the meeting.)

The CHAIRMAN (Captain Taylor) informed the members that Lt. Colonel R. L. Melton, USA, present at the meeting, has been designated by Army to deal with the 's in implementation of arrangements approved earlier by USCIB and for which Army is USCIB's Executive Agent. He stated that Lt. Colonel Melton will leave Washington shortly on the assignment and that the question of the moment regards funds for entertainment which Lt. Colonel Melton might be expected to provide in the course of the negotiations. He explained that both the Army and NSA have said that they do not have funds available for this purpose, and said that the CIA member, while willing to consider a request to make funds available, would first require an indication by the Committee that a requirement that cannot be met by the Executive Agent exists.

MR. GODEL expressed his opinion that CINCFE has funds available for this purpose, and, if not, the money could possibly be made available by OSD.

The CHAIR invited comment by Lt. Colonel Melton, who said that the need for reciprocal entertainment during the negotiations is inevitable and, while he believes it would serve a valuable purpose in the negotiations, he is not prepared to bear the expense personally. In reply to a query as to the approximate amount required, he gave an estimate of \$750.00, adding that a complete accounting would be provided for any amount received.

MR. GODEL stated that if the Committee agrees that some entertainment may be necessary, and the Army advises him that necessary funds are unavailable at CINCFE, he will take action to have a suitable amount made available.

The members were in agreement, and Lt. Colonel Melton stated that this solution would be satisfactory to him.

LT. COLONEL MELTON then asked if it would not be advisable for him to have a letter of instructions from the Board so that there would be no question of what is expected of him.

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The members discussed this subject briefly and agreed that a letter of instructions would be prepared by the Executive Agent (Army) and forwarded to the Executive Secretary for his examination and concurrence.

DECISION: (22 April 1955) USCIBEC agreed that there will probably be a need for an entertainment fund for use by Lt. Colonel R. L. Melton during the course of CINCFE's negotiations with the [redacted], and that the amount required will be obtained by the Defense member upon certification to him by the Executive Agent (Army) that funds cannot be obtained from CINCFE.

USCIBEC agreed, further, that the Army member would prepare terms of reference for Lt. Colonel Melton and submit them to the Executive Secretary, USCIB, for examination and concurrence prior to Lt. Colonel Melton's departure.

The meeting adjourned at 1631.

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