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Subject: Program for the Improvement of NATO COMSEC (Approach to the French).

Reference: USCIB 29.1/6 of 15 December 1953 (Revised 4 February 1954).

The enclosed message from the Chairman, Combined Working Group (for subject program) is circulated for information.

  
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Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM POLYZOIDES

IN PARIS:

Ambassador Dillon just returned from the Quai d'Orsay and has given me the following account of the meeting with Parodi:

"1. When we were received by Parodi, Sir Oliver commenced to read his script. He did not read it in its entirety and even skipped one or two points which might have been useful to make. But essentially he delivered the full sense of the piece with no variations.

"2. When Parodi heard the part about 'the French Government may also have noted similar shortcomings' his face broke out in a quick smile and a few moments later he asked whether this plan were directed 'mainly toward France'. I replied to the contrary, pointing out that at least two NATO countries had made inquiries already on this general subject and that it seemed to us that this was the best way to approach the problem.

"3. Parodi then asked if our approach were occasioned by some special circumstances or by an emergency situation. I made a suitable reply to a negative effect.

"4. Parodi then asked just what is TSWG. We replied that we were not entirely sure and I added that the main thing about it is that it is a going concern which has handled related matters and that, in effect, it was up to him to check into the matter.

"5. Parodi said then that he understood the situation and foresaw no difficulty in settling the matter as proposed. He said he would look into the TSWG aspect and would nominate a representative within a few days.

"6. It appears, therefore, that this initial step has attained the immediately desired objective of your plan. We will now wait a few days and if we do not hear from Parodi, we will call him and check further."

Dillon thinks that the Secretary will be interested in seeing the above memorandum of conversation which the Ambassador has seen and approved. Joyce is sending a pro forma reply to DEPTTEL 3153 of 15 March by State channel.

I will send you more later. I think the start is excellent.

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