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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Program to Improve the Communications Security of
NATO Countries.

Reference: USCIB 29.1/27 dated 6 July 1954.

1. The responses of the members in reply to the reference indicate no objection to release of TYPEX 22 to the French by the U.K.
2. Several members had reservations on the matter of approving in principle the proposal for U.K. monitoring of French communications for COMSEC purposes and expressed a desire for more information on the French requirement together with concrete proposals for the specific arrangements designed to fulfill it.
3. Accordingly, the reply set forth in the enclosure hereto was furnished to the SUKLO, Washington, by the Executive Secretary, USCIB.


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR U.K. LIAISON OFFICER, WASHINGTON:

Subject: COMSEC Assistance to the French.

1. The U.S. element of the Combined Working Group for Improvement of NATO Communications Security has informed USCIB that the CWG approve and recommend release of the U.K. TYPEX 22 to the French. The United States Communications Intelligence Board consents to such release.

2. At the same time USCIB was asked if it would approve in principle the U.K. monitoring of French communications at French request for COMSEC purposes subject to further USCIB consideration of such concrete proposals along these lines as might be presented by the U.K. element of the CWG. In acting on this question the Board decided to keep the matter under advisement pending presentation to it of the precise nature of the French requirement together with the manner in which it is proposed that it should be fulfilled.

3. For your own information, the reactions of the members of the Board to these proposals indicate to me that arrangements which would not obtain substantial agreement of the U.S. element of the CWG would be unlikely to meet with USCIB approval.

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cc: Chairman, U.S. Ad Hoc Committee
for Improvement of NATO COMSEC.

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