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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Negotiations for [redacted]

1. At a special meeting of USCIBEC, held on 15 September 1954, the enclosed message was presented by the Chairman as a matter requiring immediate discussion and prompt action. He explained that the request in the message was based upon USCIB approval (USCIB 30/39) of an earlier proposal on the above subject (USCIB 30/33, dated 29 July 1953).

2. The request in question opened a general discussion of all aspects of U.S. relations with [redacted]

In an effort to determine the precise nature of a reply to the U.S. Charge in [redacted] (DURBROW) the following points were raised and discussed. (The State Department member informed the Committee that a noncommittal interim reply had already been sent to allay the immediate urgency.)

a. While the originally sought bases in [redacted] would still be useful and desirable, the actual need for them has diminished in view of the location of other U.S. facilities in the Mediterranean area.

b. In view of a., above, there is a feeling, particularly on the part of the Director NSA that the desirability of establishing [redacted] would be outweighed by any arrangement which would require the extension of [redacted] beyond the provisions of paragraph 4 of Appendix "P".

c. The undesirability of disturbing the existing beneficial relationship between CIA and [redacted], and the degree of effect upon these relations which would result from denial of the instant request.

d. The possible effect of a withdrawal of our request for intercept bases upon other negotiations for base rights in [redacted]

e. General unwillingness on the part of member departments and agencies to provide steorage for the [redacted] effort.

f. Consideration of the fact that the situation involves primarily a question of serving military needs.

g. U.S. insistence that operational areas of [redacted] not be open to [redacted] personnel.

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h. Differences in proposed administrative regulations and command responsibilities at the [redacted] locations (i.e., at [redacted] U.S. command of the installation is envisaged, with only one [redacted] (a liaison officer) present; at [redacted]: contemplated [redacted] command of the installation, with "no interference with U.S. operations").

i. Consideration of advantages and disadvantages of one more approach to [redacted].

j. Assuming such an approach is agreed, consideration of who should represent U.S. interests, and what the extent of the discussions should be.

3. As a result of USCIBEC discussion of the above points, it was agreed:


a. That further discussions will be held with [redacted] by U.S. representatives in an effort to resolve the [redacted] rights problem; however, the discussions will not provide [redacted] with the information requested in the enclosure.

b. That the NSA provide a military intelligence representative of flag rank and the CIA a representative of comparable status to accompany the Department of State representative (DURBROW) when an audience with [redacted] can be arranged.

c. That the U.S. representatives will work out guide lines for the discussion and present their views to USCIBEC for consideration at its next meeting.

d. That the Department of State member will inform DURBROW, for his own information, that the U.S. is unwilling to provide [redacted] the information he requests, but that U.S. representatives are being designated to come to [redacted] for discussions with [redacted] in the near future.

e. That dispatch of the message mentioned in subparagraph d, above would be contingent upon the concurrence of the DCI and the Director, NSA in the above plan. (As of this writing approval had not been received.)


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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Regarding DEPTELS 158 July 13, 1953 and 748 September 3, 1954.

In developing installations memoranda for [redacted]

[redacted] has encountered reluctance on part [redacted] Intelligence Agencies to sanction free operation without more exact knowledge re nature stations and general scope their operations [redacted]

[redacted] wishes personal briefing from high level qualified US Intelligence Representative on these matters with particular reference present and planned US-[redacted] Joint Intelligence Operations. If such representative available anticipate meeting be arranged about September 15. Please advise soonest re availability such representative for short TDY [redacted]

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