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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 29.11/6 Item 5 of the Agenda for the 101st Meeting of USCIB,
held on 12 March 1954.

Subject: [redacted]
(USCIB 29.11/2, 29.11/3)

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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

THE CHAIRMAN introduced this subject by stating that the original paper (USCIB 29.11/2), prepared by the Director, NSA, had been approved by USCIBEC with the amendments noted in USCIB 29.11/3. He invited comments.

GENERAL CANINE moved for approval of the paper, as amended.

GENERAL SAMFORD said that he had two draft messages which had been prepared in coordination with NSA, ONI, and G-2 for dispatch to the Ambassador in [redacted] and to USCINCEUR, and which had bearing on this subject. He stated that the messages were similar in content, and he asked if the Board would agree with them in principle. He read the following draft message for the U.S. Ambassador in [redacted]:

"In event the [redacted] request that their liaison officers be allowed to tour operational areas of [redacted] in their [redacted] and should you consider that the successful conclusion of negotiations is dependent upon agreeing to such a request, tours can be arranged during periods of construction and prior to the time that units become operational. In addition, tours (exclusive of certain crypto areas) could be arranged periodically, preferably at the discretion of commanders concerned, after units become operational providing the operating units have sufficient prior notice to secure sensitive material. In order to do this, operations must be halted and considerable preparation accomplished prior to such visits. Opinion here is that should the situation arise wherein you would be required to agree to allowing [redacted] liaison officers to tour operational areas, such agreement should be both informal and conditional along the lines indicated above since frequent tours authorized under broad authority could destroy the effectiveness of the units. In event you are faced with a request beyond the limitations described above, it is desired that you refer the matter to Washington. USCINCEUR is being provided a copy of this message for his guidance."

MR. ARMSTRONG asked if this approximated British regulations in similar circumstances.

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COLONEL TOWNSEND replied that an effort had been made to conform generally with British policy in this regard.

The members approved in principle the draft messages presented by General Samford.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR remarked that after USCIBEC action on USCIB 29.11/2, it appeared that the paper really did not contain much in the way of guidance. He expressed his view that the content of the message read by General Samford might well be incorporated into the paper now before the Board.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if there were any objections to Captain Taylor's suggestion.

There were no objections.

DECISION: (12 March 1954) USCIB approved the recommendation by USCIBEC that USCIB 29.11/2, as amended by USCIB 29.11/3, be approved with the additional provision that the essence of the draft messages presented by General Samford be written into the basic paper by the Executive Secretary.

This item to be dropped from the agenda.

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