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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: COMINT Relations with

References: (a) USCIB 29.17/18 dated 28 February 1955.
(b) USCIB 29.17/21 dated 9 March 1955.

1. The enclosure, received in reply to USCIB's message to LSIB on the above subject, is forwarded for information. USCIB's message as proposed in reference (a) was approved by reference (b).

2. It is felt that the members may wish to discuss the enclosure, and it is being included on the agenda for the 28th meeting for this purpose. Should any member have comments which he wishes to have distributed in advance of the meeting it is requested that they be submitted to this office as early as practicable.

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

INFORMATION: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Comint Relations with

Reference: (a) LSIB/28/55, 21 Jan 55
(b) WL-189, 091453Z Mar 55

1. The London Signal Intelligence Board has noted with pleasure the extent to which the U.S. Communications Intelligence Board is able to provide equipment for the [BLANK], and is grateful for the offer of the items in Paragraphs 3(b), (d) and (e) of LSIB/28/55. It confirms that AN/CRF 2A's are entirely acceptable and would be most welcome in place of the SCR-29l's requested in paragraph 3(f) of referenced memorandum.

2. LSIB appreciates USCIB's difficulties over equipments in short supply and is therefore the more appreciative of the offer of AN/APR 4's (or the equivalent) in lieu of the AN/APR 9's requested in Paragraph 3(a) of LSIB/28/55. LSIB confirms that these equipments are required partly for Comint purposes (and that they are necessary to successful Comint negotiations) and considers that the [BLANK] could make valuable use for these purposes of four such equipments (plus spares).

3. LSIB also appreciates USCIB's position in respect of equipment pre-empted for Elint requirements over which USCIB has no cognizance. It is aware of U.S. plans and arrangements for the supply of equipment for Elint purposes to the [BLANK] and, in the light of USCIB's comments, will in future deal direct with the cognizant U.S. authorities in matters concerning the supply, and means of delivery, of equipment primarily for Elint purposes which the [BLANK] may request the U.K. to obtain from the U.S.

4. It would be appreciated if, as suggested in Paragraph 2 of WL-189, the Director, NSA, were authorized to deal with the Director, GCHQ, in the consignment to the U.K., for onward transmittal to the [BLANK], of the equipments covered by Paragraphs 1 and 2, above. It would also be appreciated if USCIB would agree that, in respect of future equipment requirements for the [BLANK] for Comint purposes, the Director, GCHQ, should negotiate initially with the Director, NSA.

(Signed)
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