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USCIB: 29.17/22 Item A (Not on the Agenda) of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of USCIBEC, Held on 25 February 1955.

Subject: COMINT Relations with [redacted]

The CHAIRMAN (Captain Taylor) referred to the [redacted] problem set forth in USCIB 29.17/17 of 21 February 1955 and suggested that the Committee review the two proposed messages enclosed therewith. He read the Department of State Member's recommended modification of paragraph 6 of Enclosure #1 and explained that it may have the effect of obviating some of the objections of the Air Force Member.

A paragraph by paragraph consideration of Enclosure #1 together with the recommended changes by the Department of State and Department of Defense Members resulted in agreement on a proposed message.

DECISION: (25 February 1955) USCIBEC approved the following proposed message to LSIB presenting USCIB's views on the list of equipment to be provided [redacted]:

"TOP SECRETFROM: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TO : SUSLO, LONDON
INFO: DIRNSA

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO THE CHAIRMAN, LSIB FROM THE CHAIRMAN, USCIB:

1. USCIB has carefully considered the list of equipments contained in your Secretary's note of 21 January 1955 (LSIB/28/55) and has asked that the comments set forth below be conveyed to your Board.
2. USCIB is prepared to provide items 3(B), (D) and (E) as listed. Item 3(E) is, however, not currently on hand. The Director, NSA has been directed to arrange for procurement and delivery of these items and will, if it is agreeable to you, handle the matter directly with the Director, GCHQ.
3. Item (F), the SCR-291 HF/DF equipments, is unavailable and is, as you are no doubt aware, considered by our people to be obsolete. Was there a particular reason why [redacted] requested this? We believe we could obtain AN/CRD-2A's for them if acceptable in place of the SCR-291.
4. Items 3(A) and 3(C), the AN/APR 9 receivers and the signal generators, are in critical short supply and their use has been for all practical purposes pre-empted as a high priority item for current ELINT requirements. USCIB therefore cannot undertake to supply those items.

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5. However, to the extent that ELINT equipment needed for COMINT search is involved in Item 3(A) of your list, USCIB can obtain for you a limited quantity of AN/APR-4 equipments (or its U.S. Navy shipborne counterpart the RDO and SPR-2) as more suitable for UHF communications search, if they are necessary to successful COMINT negotiations, even though these are also in short supply.

6. While we wish to do everything possible to prevent any disruption of UKUSA COMINT negotiations with the [redacted], we must again point out that USCIB has no cognizance in the ELINT field. USCIB therefore is not in position to divert ELINT equipment from U.S. ELINT use or to arrange discontinuance of direct U.S. approaches to [redacted] on ELINT matters.

7. USCIB is informed that the U.S. already has well advanced arrangements to supply ELINT equipment to [redacted] in return for [redacted] ELINT and that GCHQ is aware of these arrangements which commenced in the spring of 1954 and are continuing.

8. Your comments would be appreciated."

Meeting adjourned at 1810.

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