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SUBJECT NUMBER

- USCIB: 29.17/7 Item 1 of the Agenda for the 102nd Meeting of USCIB, held on 9 April 1954.
- Subject: COMINT Relations with Third Parties (USCIB 29.17/3).

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN (Lt. General Cabell) introduced this item as one that was discussed at the last meeting, during which agreement was reached for the Director, NSA to approach the U.K. representatives informally with regard to proposals concerning/

/ The Acting Chairman further stated that ne understood such an approach had been made and a reply received. He then asked General Canine if he wished to present further information.

GENERAL CANINE stated that he had approached Brigadier Tiltman, who felt that his people would be receptive to a discussion of the and would ascertain their views. The Brigadier's opinion was verified by an answer from GCHQ suggesting that LSIB would be amenable to a conference in May. General Canine continued by offering the opinion that decisions at the conference could well result in a major policy change requiring higher level blessing; that preparation of position papers would be difficult, take time, and would entail a lot of hard work. He therefore felt that the conference should be held the latter part of June or the first part of July rather than so soon as May.

GENERAL ACKERMAN, at the request of the Director, NSA, then briefly reviewed recent developments relative to U.S. requests with respect to He pointed out that complications had been introduced by virtue of discussions which had already taken place between the Royal Air Force and the reported that our request to refused because of this. General Canine, he felt, would therefore recommend a course of action that would enable discussion of the complete package rather than one part of it.

GENERAL TRUDEAU then asked whether or not ELINT would be included for discussion at the proposed conference. It was decided that ELINT was not presently within the purview of the Board and could not, at this time, be put on the proposed agenda.

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THE ACTING CHAIRMAN suggested that the composition of a working committee, terms of reference and an agenda be considered. He expressed the opinion that a reply to the U.K. could be made on the basis of agreement just reached and that an agenda could follow.

GENERAL CANINE said he would have his Plans and Policy people prepare some information that would be needed by the working committee. He then suggested that the working committee present a proposed agenda for Board approval at a Special Meeting in two weeks.

The ensuing discussion resulted in agreement that a working committee would be convened under cognizance of the Director, NSA, and the names of persons to participate would be sent to the Executive Secretary. In addition to position papers and an agenda, the working committee would also recommend constitution of the U.S. delegation going to London.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR informed the Board that General Canine had submitted a proposed draft of a formal letter to the Chairman, LSIB to be signed by the Chairman, USCIB which appeared to be in accord with the discussion. The proposed draft was adopted. EO 3.3(h)(2)

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DECISION: (9 April 1954) USCIB Agreed that:

a. <u>A ILS--ILK. conference should be held in London. in July</u>, to discuss

b. ELINT should not be included on the agenda for such conference at this time.

c. A working committee should be convened under the cognizance of the Director, National Security Agency to prepare recommendations to USCIB for an agenda, position papers, and a delegation for the above mentioned conference.

d. The working group mentioned in subparagraph c. above should have the recommendations ready for consideration at the Special Meeting now scheduled for Friday, 23 April 1954.

e. The members should notify the Executive Secretary of the names of persons to participate in the above mentioned working group.

f. The Executive Secretary should take action to have forwarded to the Chairman, LSIB the draft memorandum included as enclosure 3 to NSA serial 000156-S of 4 April 1954 which was circulated as the enclosure to USCIB 29.17/3.

