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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:Subject: UKUSA Conference on References: (a) USCIB 29.17/6 dated 13 April 1954.  
(b) USCIB 29.18/1 dated 27 April 1954.

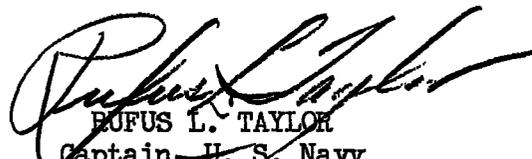
1. Enclosure 1 hereto has been received in reply to the enclosure with reference (a).

2. Reference (b) included a proposed memorandum for the Chairman, LSIB and a proposed agenda for the conference. The memorandum for the Chairman, LSIB was approved without change at the 103rd meeting of USCIB and the agenda was also approved, subject to deletion of paragraph 4, at that same meeting. This appears to have been done without full consideration of the relation of such correspondence to the enclosure with reference (a) and in the absence of knowledge of the content of the reply thereto which had not been received at the time.

3. Examination of these papers will reveal an element of confusion that may mislead the U.K. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has suggested to the Director, National Security Agency that the cover memorandum for the agenda be addressed to the Director, GCHQ from the Director, NSA rather than from Board to Board and that paragraph 4 be suitably edited. The Director, NSA agreed to this suggestion.

4. The edited version of the memorandum previously approved by USCIB is attached hereto as enclosure 2 and will be sent by the Director, NSA.

5. THIS DOCUMENT AND ITS ENCLOSURES CONTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.



RUFUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

## Enclosures

1. LSIB/162/54 dtd 8 May 1954.
2. Draft Memo for Director, GCHQ.

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LONDON.

8th May, 1954.

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Chairman,  
United States Communications Intelligence Board.

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Your memorandum proposing a conference to discuss the broad problem of U.S. and U.K. COMINT arrangements with the [Redacted] was considered by my Board on Tuesday, 4th May 1954.

2. L.S.I.B. shares the views expressed by your Board and would welcome such a conference.

3. I am asking Director, G.C.H.Q. to communicate with Director, N.S.A. to work out details of place, time and agenda, as you suggest.

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/s/

[Redacted]

Chairman  
London Signal Intelligence Board.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, GCHQ

SUBJECT: US-UK COMINT [REDACTED]

- References:
- a. Memorandum to Chairman, LSIB, 12 Apr 54
  - b. Memorandum to Chairman, USCIB, 8 May 54

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1. I am forwarding for your consideration and comments a proposed agenda for our forthcoming conference on arrangements with three [REDACTED] which we have prepared as a result of our correspondence in references a and b. It is to be noted that we have not included [REDACTED] in the proposed agenda, since it is USCIB's view that a discussion of COMINT arrangements with [REDACTED] is not appropriate at this time.

2. Because a different set of technical, political, and economic problems exists with respect to each of the three countries involved, and because of the necessity for considering all the factors and recommending policy for each country on its own merits, it was deemed advisable to break down the agenda for the conference by country. We anticipate that there will, of course, be aspects common to the group as a whole.

3. It is USCIB's view that the objective of US and UK COMINT arrangements with [REDACTED] is to obtain the maximum amount of timely and unique materials of value to the US/UK COMINT effort, and that therefore consideration should be given to methods and procedures necessary to extend the collaboration in order to achieve this objective.

4. It is proposed that position papers on this agenda, including any modifications thereto mutually agreed upon, be exchanged not later than 15 June 1954.

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Lieutenant General, US Army  
Director, National Security Agency

Enclosure 2 (with attachment) with [REDACTED] dtd 18 May 1954.