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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Relations with [redacted]

Reference: (a) USCIB 29.19/19 dated 24 March 1955.  
(b) USCIB 29.19/22 dated 6 April 1955.

1. At its 28th Meeting, on 22 April 1955, USCIBEC considered reference (a) in light of reference (b) and the discussion at the meeting.

2. USCIBEC recommends that reference (a) be approved with the understandings reflected in USCIBEC's discussion of the matter as recorded in the final minutes of the meeting. These understandings are in essence as follows:

a. Since the question of payment for the privilege of making a site survey has not arisen in the past, it probably won't arise in this case. If it should, the matter would have to be considered on its merits at the time. Since the Director, NSA would bring such a contingency to the attention of the Board in the normal course of events, there appears to be no need to try to provide for such a contingency at this time.

b. Consideration of the possibility that U.S. requirements might be met by U.K. [redacted] facilities does not prejudice in advance U.S. planning on this point. Pending the outcome of the site survey in [redacted], the establishment and operation of a U.S. COMINT installation there should be regarded as an integral part of the overall plan for providing full support to the National COMINT effort. In this connection, the Committee considered it unlikely that any major portion of the projected U.S. requirement for COMINT from U.S. bases in [redacted] would ever be met by U.K. [redacted] facilities. However, the Committee recognized that the pressures of men and money render consideration of such a possibility necessary.

c. The eventuality of [redacted] attempting to exact as price in return for U.S. COMINT bases a degree of COMINT collaboration in excess of that now authorized for [redacted] should not at this point in time be judged as warranting an immediate search for alternate sites in other countries, but rather to warrant increased efforts to obtain from [redacted] an acceptable bargain. USCIBEC agrees that as things now stand quid pro quo should not exceed that authorized for [redacted]

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3. If there is no objection to the above described USCIBEC recommendation by the close of business Friday, 6 May 1955, it will be considered approved by USCIB under the interregnum procedure.

  
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