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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Intercept Site Surveys (Greenland/Iceland Area).

Reference: USCIB 29./12 of 21 January 1955.

The enclosed memorandum by the Director, NSA is circulated for information pursuant to paragraph 4b. of the enclosure with the reference.


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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: Intercept Site Surveys, Greenland/Iceland Area

1. I have contemplated the establishment and operation of U. S. Communications Intelligence (COMINT) installation(s) in the Greenland/Iceland area as integral components of my over-all plan for furnishing full support to the national COMINT effort, provided that suitable sites possessing reasonable intercept potential can be discovered and obtained. Responsibility for eventual determination of this potential has been placed upon the U. S. Air Force. Pursuing this responsibility, the Air Force conducted a site survey in Greenland during the 1953 season; however, adverse conditions of transportation, logistics and weather hampered the interception of traffic to the extent that accurate evaluation was precluded. Recent developments indicate that surveys can now be initiated under conditions more conducive to success.

2. Accordingly, I consider it appropriate that every effort be made to proceed without delay in the investigation of those areas considered essential in support of the national COMINT effort. Therefore, I have requested that the U. S. Air Force proceed with plans to perform a technical resurvey of the Greenland area, preferably in the Northeastern portion, and that, concurrent with this action, plans be implemented for a site survey in Iceland to determine the sites considered most suitable for intercept installations.


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