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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Burmese Army Request to Purchase U.S. Radio D/F Equipment.

1. In accordance with the request of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, D/A, the enclosure is submitted to USCIB for consideration by vote sheet.

2. It is requested that your views on the recommendation in paragraph 5 of the enclosure be entered on the attached vote sheet, which should be returned to this office by the close of business, Friday, 29 July 1955.


H. D. JONES

Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Burmese Army Request to Purchase US Radio D/F Equipment (TS)

1. G-2, DA, has been informed by the US Army Attache, Burma that on 9 March 1955, a representative of the Burmese War Office told the Attache that the representative had been authorized by the Supreme Commander of the Burmese Armed Forces to attempt to arrange for the purchase of radio direction-finding (D/F) equipment. The representative requested assistance from the Attache. He said that with such equipment the Burmese Army hoped to locate and eliminate [redacted] radio facilities it had determined to be operating in Burma. According to the representative, the Burmese Army has been monitoring the traffic, [redacted] and has determined that the stations are located in Burma, but has been unable to pinpoint them.

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2. The representative stated that three or four D/F sets, with spare parts for one year's operation, should be sufficient and emphasized that the Burmese Army did not want the equipment as a gift, but wished to purchase it. He also emphasized the confidential nature of his request.

3. The Attache stated that he had brought this Burmese request for D/F equipment to the attention of the [redacted], who stated he would explore the problem. [redacted] has informally indicated, however, that it does not wish to handle this matter and has no objection to the Army doing so.

4. NSA has informed G-2, DA that it has studied the availability of suitable equipment and that it would support a proposal to assist Burma in obtaining the required equipment, with the understanding that information resulting from Burmese intercept and D/F operations against [redacted] would be made available to NSA, if that could be arranged. NSA also pointed out that the proposal should be submitted to USCIB for approval in accordance with the provisions of [redacted]

5. It is recommended that USCIB authorize the Army to provide the requested assistance to the Burmese Army with the understanding that attempts would be made to obtain from the Burmese Army information on [redacted] activities resulting from its intercept and D/F operations.

6. It is requested that this matter be submitted to the members of USCIB for vote sheet action.

(Signed)
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