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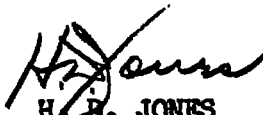
MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Service to SHAPE and its Major Subcommands.

1. The inclosure is forwarded at the request of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, U.S. Army.

2. It is requested that your views be recorded on the attached vote sheet, which should be returned to the Secretary at the earliest possible date, in any event not later than 13 November 1952.

3. It is further requested that member organizations to be represented at the proposed conference submit their nominations for delegates with their vote sheet replies.

  
H. B. JONES  
Secretary, USCIB

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AC/S, G2, Memo for USCIB  
Coordinator, above subj.,  
dtd 4 November 1952.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

4 November 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: USCIB COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: COMINT Service to SHAPE and its Major Subcommands

1. Reference is made to: (a) USCIB 32/6; (b) USCIB 32/7; (c) UC 000138, 29 October 1952; and (d) GCHQ Signal to SLO Washington, DTG 241646Z/October 1952.

2. An ad hoc committee of the Services has considered the problems discussed in the references and has reached the following unanimously agreed conclusions:

a. A U.S.-U.K.-SHAPE conference to discuss the details of the arrangements for COMINT service to major SHAPE subcommands should be held in London during the first week of December 1952.

b. The U.S. delegation to this conference should be headed by a representative of G-2, Department of the Army (the executive agent for COMINT service to SHAPE), and should consist of representatives of the Departments of Navy and Air Force, and of the USCIB Coordinator.

c. The agenda and the initial U.S. position thereon for this conference should be generally as proposed in the attached inclosures.

3. It is requested that the Coordinator obtain, by vote sheet, the views of the USCIB Members to the conclusions contained in para 2 above.

/s/ R. C. Partridge  
R. C. PARTRIDGE  
Major General, GS  
A. C. of S., G-2

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1. Proposed Agenda
2. Proposed US Initial Position

Inclosure with USCIB 32/9 dated 7 November 1952.

Proposed Agency for

U.S.-U.K. Commands

on

Arrangements for COMINT Dissemination

to and within

SHAPE and its Major Subcommands

- Item 1. - Type of combined cipher machine to be employed.
- Item 2. - Levels and commands at which the combined cipher machine should be installed.
- Item 3. - Dissemination Principles:
  - a. Rear to Front.
    - (1) After installation of Combined Cipher System.
    - (2) Interim arrangements.
  - b. Front to Rear.
    - (1) After installation of Combined Cipher System.
    - (2) Interim arrangements.

Incl. 1

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**AGENDA**

1. Item 1 - Type of Combined Cipher Machine to be employed.  
Type selected must be suitable for installation in small SS) posts.
2. Item 2 - The combined cipher machine should be installed at SHAF, G-2, Washington, ISD, SHAF, AFAL, AFAB, AFEM, at the Forces, Southwestern Europe, Paris, and at U.S. SSO Frankfurt, U.S. SSO Wiesbaden, SA-M and 2nd IAG (see para 3b (1)-(4) below).
3. Item 3 - Dissemination Principles.
  - a. Rear to Front Services.
    - (1) After installation of the Combined Cipher system.
      - (a) Rear-front service should normally be provided only. SHAF should assume responsibility for collation and dissemination to the major sub-commands. Provision should be made in addition for direct dissemination to major sub-commands of critical items directly pertinent to their command responsibilities, with information copies sent to SHAF in all cases.
      - (b) The necessity for SIG should be re-examined in view of the procedures proposed above. Direct dissemination to SHAF from Washington and London would provide SHAF with most timely COMINT and an exchange of information copies

Incl. 2

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of Washington and London originated COMINT

would insure that both parties are kept aware of what SHAPE receives.

(2) Interim Arrangements Pending Adoption of the Combined Cipher System. Interim arrangements should follow the same procedures as those outlined in 3a(1) above except that:

(a) London originated COMINT will be disseminated to AFNE from GCHQ and to other commands through SUSLO and SSO London.

(b) Washington originated COMINT for, and SHAPE communications with, AFNE will be handled via

b. SSO London, SUSLO and GCHQ.

b. Front to Rear Services.

(1) After installation of the Combined Cipher System.

(a) Front to Rear COMINT dissemination should be simultaneous to SHAPE and appropriate major subcommands. This will require installation of the combined cipher system at U.S. SSO Frankfurt, U.S. SSO Wiesbaden, BAOR and 2nd TAC to handle the COMINT produced by ASAE, AFSS, 1st Wireless Regiment and Uetersen.

(b) SHAPE would assume responsibility for collection and further dissemination as required.

(2) Interim arrangements pending installation of Combined Cipher System. Communications arrangements to effect interim implementation of 3b(1) above are as follows:

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(a) U.S.

1. Army dissemination to SHAPE and major sub-commands, except AFNE, can be effected via SSO Frankfurt, using the U.S. Joint Army, Navy, Air Force system. Dissemination to AFNE can be made via SSO London, SUSLO and GCHQ.
2. Air Force - similar arrangements can be made via SSO, USAFE.

(b) U.K.

Through GCHQ to AFNE and through GCHQ, SUSLO and SSO London to SHAPE and major subcommands.

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