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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Arrangements for SHAPE "Y" Conference.

The Director, NSA, has forwarded the Enclosure to the Executive Secretary with a request that it be forwarded to USCIB members for their information.

(See USCIB 32/15 dated 17 Mar 1953 for background.)


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

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SUBJECT: Arrangements for SHAPE "Y" Conference

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1. During the BRUSA Planning Conference of February 1952, held in London, agreement was reached with the British on principles to be applied to the organization of a tactical radio intercept service (Y) for SHAPE. These principles are set forth in Appendix P, Annexure P1, to the BRUSA Agreement.

2. In accordance with the above agreement, a SHAPE "Y" officer was provided to SACEUR by the U.K. COMINT authorities in August 1952. The mission of this officer, as an assistant to ACofS (I), SHAPE, was to make appropriate preparations and plans for presentation of a proposal for a "Y" Service to appropriate member nations of SACEUR.

3. Under date of 24 February 1953, SACEUR, acting in accordance with Appendix P, Annexure P1, of the BRUSA Agreement, transmitted to the respective senior military staffs of the U.S., the U.K., and [redacted] a proposal for a service of tactical radio intercept intelligence for SACEUR's command (SHAPE 113/53, USCIB: 32/15, with three annexures). The letter of transmittal (SHAPE 113/53) proposed appropriate U.K., U.S., and [redacted] discuss pertinent plans with SHAPE representatives.

4. The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, on 23 March 1953, replied to SACEUR (inclosure) stating that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were prepared to authorize U.S. participation in discussions provided that other addressees of SHAPE 113/53 would agree to the contents of Annexures A and B thereto. This reply also designated the Director, NSA, as the authority with whom the ACofS (I), SHAPE, on behalf of SACEUR, might communicate.

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5. The Director, NSA, after coordination with the military Services, considers that Annex C exceeds the terms of Appendix P, Annexure Pl, in the following respects:

- a. In that it visualizes international COMINT processing units.
- b. In that it includes non-communications listening within the scope of the "Y" Service.
- c. In that it contains a proposal for anti-clandestine "Y" services.
- d. In that it includes provisions for liaison with electronic warfare organizations.
- e. In that technical direction of "Y" units would be the responsibility of "Y" Staffs. (The U.S. envisages that technical direction of "Y" units will be the responsibility of national COMINT processing centers.)

6. In accordance with agreement with the Director, GCHQ, the U.S. comments on Annex C have been forwarded for his information and comments prior to our forwarding of these comments to SACEUR. To date, no reply has been received.

7. It is understood informally that the SHAPE "Y" officer expects to have U.K. and [] to Annexures A and B not later than 10 August. By that date, he plans to prepare an agenda for the proposed discussions and to transmit it to the three national authorities with a proposal that the meeting be held in [] during early September.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

(SIGNED)
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Chief of Staff

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