Gen. Comin - Representative
Gen. Ackerman - Alternate

Answered on 51, 01/032-28 Oct. 53

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE


1. In order that implementation of the National Security Council Directive on Communications Security may become effective in the near future, I am submitting two memoranda for your consideration.

2. The memorandum attached as Inclosure 1 is proposed in order that the Special Committee of the National Security Council on Communications Security may cause the United States Communications Security Board to be convened. The Board may then proceed to establish such procedures, rules, and organizational structure as are necessary for it to become a functioning body. I recommend that your representative be proposed as Chairman pro tempore, and upon concurrence of the Secretary of State, that a memorandum substantially as shown in Inclosure 1 be promulgated by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

3. The memorandum attached as Inclosure 2 is proposed for the purpose of convening an ad hoc group within the Department of Defense to recommend to you a formal directive for implementation of the National Security Council Directive on Communications Security within the Department of Defense. The Director of the National Security Agency was designated Chairman by the Secretary of Defense for a similar ad hoc group which prepared an implementing directive for the National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 9 (Revised). I have therefore proposed myself as Chairman of this ad hoc group. I recommend that you approve the memorandum attached as Inclosure 2 and forward it to the indicated addressees.

RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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Self-explanatory.

Mr. Larkin, P/P, Ex 60605, 16 Oct 53
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Communications Security (COMSEC)


The Special Committee of the National Security Council for COMSEC Matters has requested the addressees to designate their respective representative to the United States Communication Security Board (USCSB), as constituted by the reference.

The Special Committee has designated , of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, as Chairman pro tem, USCSB, until such time as a permanent chairman is duly elected by the members of the Board.

The addressees should inform the Chairman pro tem of their designated representatives. The Chairman pro tem will convene a meeting of the Board as soon as practicable.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY


1. Addressees of this memorandum will each appoint a representative to a working group, to be chaired by the Director, NSA (or his designated representative), to develop all appropriate and necessary directives for formal implementation within the Department of Defense of the provisions of the National Security Council Directive on Communications Security. Such directives will be submitted to the Secretary of Defense for approval prior to 13 November 1953.

2. All directives, orders or instructions relating to COMSEC matters issued by any authorities within the Department of Defense inconsistent or at variance with the provisions of the SEC Directive on Communications Security will be brought to the attention of the Secretary of Defense by the initiating authorities and/or the Director, NSA.