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18 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Subject: Data Relating to Global JOINT Structure, Request for

Enclosure: Memorandum for the Chairman, AFSA, subject: JOINT Collaboration, AFSA 73/3

1. At the Twenty-fourth meeting of the Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC), the Chief, Army Security Agency, presented a statement, a copy of which is attached hereto (Enclosure). AFSAC concurred in principle with the view expressed by the Chief, Army Security Agency, and agreed to consider the existent and planned global JOINT structure of the individual services and AFSA as the first step toward development of a U.S. and a combined global JOINT structure.

2. In accordance with the foregoing, it is requested that you forward by 4 January 1951 data showing the existing and planned global JOINT structure of your organization.

3. It is requested that six copies of the data be prepared and forwarded to me; that copies may be sent to the other members of the Ad Hoc Committee established in AFSA 73/3 for study in advance of a first meeting of the Committee.

A. C. PETERSON
Colonel, Artillery
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, AFSAC

SUBJECT: COMINT Collaboration, AFSAC 73/3

1. I have reviewed AFSAC 73/3 and consider the question of collaboration with foreign allies as timely and requiring priority of study. In view of the complexity of this problem, covering the communication intelligence field from traffic interception to dissemination, I am of the opinion that the initial assignment to be given the recommended ad hoc committee should be to study the existing and planned global COMINT structures of the individual Services and AFSA. This study would determine the existing and planned U.S. global COMINT structure and provide a realistic basis from which to consider the question of collaboration with foreign allies. After the members of AFSAC have had an opportunity to consider thoroughly the results of such a study then AFSAC will be in a position to provide the necessary guidance to the ad hoc committee for further study, which should result in a workable solution to the problem.

2. I approve AFSAC 73/3 subject to the recommendation, paragraph 6, being amended substantially as follows: Delete subparagraphs 6a, 6b and 6c, insert in place thereof:

"A study of the existent and planned wartime global COMINT structure of the individual Services and the Armed Forces Security Agency to determine the U.S. COMINT structure."

Enclosure