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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, U.S. DELEGATION:

Subject: Allied (NATO) Communication Security.

1. USCIB met in special session on 28 May 1953 and reviewed the report of its Ad Hoc Committee on the problem of Allied (NATO) Communication Security. The Board accepted the report with a few changes proposed and agreed at the meeting. In addition to the changes, it was agreed that sanitization of certain pages was required prior to submitting the report to the British.

2. USCIB accepted the recommendations of the Chairman, U.S. Delegation contained in a Memorandum for the Chairman, USCIB dated 28 May 1953, subject to a change in the wording of paragraph 3. The final version of the recommendations is as follows:

a. The Conference be held as scheduled.

b. Neither USCIB nor NSC adopt prior to the Conference a fixed position with regard to the steps to be taken to improve French and other NATO members COMSEC.

c. The U.S. Delegation be directed to use the Ad Hoc Committee Report, as amended, as guidance for discussion with the U.K. Delegation, sanitize the Report, and hand it forthwith to the Senior British Liaison Officer (Brigadier Tiltman).

d. USCIB inform LSIB forthwith that the USCIB wishes to extend the Agenda to include a review of all the conclusions reached at the 1951 BRUSA Conference on this same subject, and that the present UK paper (DGC/3441), together with the US paper (Ad Hoc Committee Report as sanitized) will be used as bases for discussion at the Conference.

3. Ten copies of the final sanitized version of the report were handed to Brigadier Tiltman's representative on 29 May 1953. New pages reflecting both the agreed changes and the sanitization process have been circulated for insertion in copies of the report held by members of the U.S. Delegation, and, of course, by Members of USCIB.

4. The British have been notified informally through Brigadier Tiltman with respect to USCIB's views as set forth in paragraph 2d above. Formal notification to LSIB will be made this date.

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5. During the discussion of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee Report, certain proposals were made a matter of record as being the consensus of the Board Members. Although it was agreed that these proposals would not be included in the final version of the Report, it is the desire of the Board that they be used for guidance purposes by members of the U.S. Delegation. For example, following the discussion and agreement upon the new paragraph 2 of the Recommendations, Admiral Espe proposed the addition of a new paragraph as follows:

"If it is considered that the above demonstration technique will not achieve the desired results in a reasonable time, plans should be developed, in concert with the British, which could involve limited direct disclosure of our COMINT success."

The Board did not desire to include this paragraph in the Report but agreed that it represented the consensus of the Members and should serve as guidance for the U.S. Delegation, with the understanding, however, that the U.S. negotiators would not adopt this position at the Conference without further specific authorization of USCIB.

6. It was further agreed that the U.S. Delegation might reach a point of discussion in which they are favorably impressed by the British point of view but find themselves at variance with the guidance already provided by the Board. If this should happen USCIB will convene a special session to provide the necessary guidance.



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