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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: UK/US Communications Security Conference, 1953 (JCS 2074/29)

1. I learned informally late Monday afternoon (8 February 1954) that the Air Force, with concurrence of the Navy, may propose the following changes in the Report of the UK/US Communications Security Conference, 1953, published in JCS 2074/29.

a. Page 168, paragraph 5g, line 2 - Propose changing "AFSAM 7" to read "AFSAM 7/47B".

Comment: I agree with the proposed change, but for accuracy, recommend that the following statement be inserted after "AFSAM 7":

"and AFSAM 47B, of which the AFSAM 7 is . . ."

b. Page 169, line 2 - Propose changing "AFSAM 7" to read "AFSAM 7/47B".

Comment: For accuracy, I recommend that this should read:

"AFSAM 7 and AFSAM 47B"

c. Page 169, paragraph 5g - Propose deleting all after line 3, i.e., the second sub-paragraph.

Comment: I do not concur in deletion of this paragraph. If feasible security equipments are to be developed for combined use it is necessary that the communications man's first be agreed on. I recommend that the paragraph remain in the Report.

d. Page 171 - Propose deleting sub-paragraphs (1) through (4) after the second line.

Comment: Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) are true statements and I believe must be brought to the attention of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) propose a course of action which should lead to correction of the conditions reported in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2). I recommend retention of the four sub-paragraphs, but, if it is considered necessary, sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) can be deleted.

2. I also learned informally that the Army may propose that the Report be sent to AFSAC (Armed Forces Security Agency Council). I believe this is unnecessary because Service representatives were present at the Conference, and unnecessary delay would be occasioned by such an action. Furthermore, AFSAC has been quite inactive for more than a year. I recommend that the Report not be referred to AFSAC.

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