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U.K.-U.S. CONFERENCE ON FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS SECURITYMINUTES OFTHE FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The First Meeting of the U.K.-U.S. Conference on French Communications Security was held at 1430 on 1 May 1951, in Room 1212, U.S. Naval Security Station, Washington, D. C.

United KingdomUnited StatesThe Executive Committee


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At the suggestion of the Chairman, the members engaged in an open exchange of views on the various aspects of the general problem, including time, level, and method of approach, to the French, possible extent of disclosure, cryptographic systems which might be involved, possible reactions by the French, etc.

This discussion was essentially an expression of viewpoints by the representatives in an effort to determine bases for a more specific line of approach to the problems to be considered.

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As a result of the open discussion the areas of U.K. and U.S. thinking on the manner of approach and the question of timing became more clearly defined.

With regard to the technical aspects of the problem, it was agreed that the Technical Committee would proceed with discussions at 0900, 2 May 1951, giving primary consideration to the preparation of a cryptographic plan which might reasonably be acceptable to the French.

It was also agreed that the remaining members of the Executive Committee would meet at 0900, 2 May 1951, for further consideration of terms of reference for the Security Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1635.

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