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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Release to the [redacted] Information
Obtained by the [redacted]

References: (a) USCIB 14/269 dated 15 January 1953.
(b) USCIB 14/271 dated 4 February 1953.
(c) USCIB 14/284 dated 13 February 1953.

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1. In reference (a), the Chairman, USCIB, was advised that the JIC in London desired to give all possible aid to the [redacted] in the war against the Viet Minh, and that the [redacted] in Indo-China would welcome [redacted] assistance. Accordingly, LSIB desired USCIB concurrence in release to the [redacted] of information on [redacted] work on [redacted] [redacted] it being understood that the information to be released would not include any advanced cryptanalytic techniques.

2. In response to a [redacted] request for an interim statement, and to enable the [redacted] better to advise USCIB with regard to certain technical and security aspects of the proposal, an informal memorandum was addressed to [redacted] in which it was indicated that while there was no objection to release of [redacted] materials within already agreed limits, the [redacted] proposal went beyond those limits and raised certain questions. The view was expressed that there would be some advantage in keeping within the already agreed limitations in the initial [redacted] discussions. On the basis of information developed in these discussions it might then be possible to assess the situation more accurately and make a decision accordingly.

3. In reference (b), the [redacted], reported that the views had been requested on four specific points, viz:

a. How can [redacted] results be isolated effectively from [redacted] results in view of the complete technical exchange now in effect?

b. What is degree of security the [redacted] are observing in handling and disseminating the results of their cryptanalytic efforts?

c. To what extent is cryptanalytic assistance really needed in view of the success that the [redacted] are reported to be achieving?

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d. What effect will any extension of relations on the [redacted] problem have on exchange arrangements currently in effect with respect to other problems?

4. The [redacted] proposal was considered at the Eighty-second Meeting of USCIB (see reference (c)) at which time it was agreed to inform [redacted] authorities that their dealings with the [redacted] should be confined to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of Appendix "P" to the [redacted] Agreement. A subsequent decision was made to withhold such notification pending receipt and study of Mr. [redacted] report.

5. In response to the questions referred to in paragraph 3 above, the Director, [redacted], has supplied the following information:

a. [redacted] intent was to limit any eventual release of cryptanalysis information to systems which were [redacted]. Texts information furnished would not include [redacted]. Working arrangements designed to avoid duplication would make it quite easy to separate [redacted] results.

b. The question of security was raised with the [redacted] by [redacted] and he was supplied with information about arrangements both in [redacted]. In addition to the information contained in the enclosure herewith; a more detailed description of the arrangements has been promised to the [redacted].

c. The question of cryptanalytic assistance to the [redacted] did not arise, "... presumably because of the degree of their success in this field."

d. The proposals related to Viet Minh only, and, as the [redacted] see them, would not have any effect on other exchange arrangements.

7. In view of the foregoing there is a question as to whether any further reply to [redacted] authorities is called for at this time, in

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that it is apparent that [redacted] authorities do not anticipate a requirement, at least for the time being, to go beyond the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, Appendix "P" [redacted]

8. Additional information on this subject will be provided to USCIB members when received.

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Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure
Rpt on Visit by [redacted]
[redacted] on 16, 17, & 18 Feb 53.

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