MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Release to the [blank] Information

Obtained by the [blank]

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.

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

2. In response to a request for an interim statement, and to enable the [blank] better to advise USCIB with regard to certain technical and security aspects of the proposal, an informal memorandum was addressed to [blank] in which it was indicated that while there was no objection to release of [blank] materials within already agreed limits, the 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 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 [blank] reported that the views had been requested on four specific points, viz:

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

b. What is degree of security the [blank] 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 [blank] are reported to be achieving?
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d. What effect will any extension of relations on the __________ problem have on exchange arrangements currently in effect with respect to other problems?

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

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

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

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

c. The question of cryptanalytic assistance to the __________ 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 __________ 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 __________ 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".

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

Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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

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