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Brief of Ad Hoc Committee Report
on Allied Communications Security

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BACKGROUND:

1. The [redacted] apparently feel quite strongly about the problem of Allied Communications Security. An excerpt from [redacted] letter of 8 December 1952 (USCIB 2/25) is cited:

[redacted]

2. In USCIB's reply of 8 April 1953 (USCIB 2/28) to [redacted] complaint that there should have been prior US/UK consultation before

[redacted]

CURRENT CONSIDERATION:

3. An Ad Hoc Committee to examine the extent of potential damage to U.S. interests resulting from leakage was established by USCIB. Be-

[redacted]

4. The Committee found it evident that the "leakage" of information, insofar as quantity is concerned, is so small as to be almost insignificant; however, it points out that the potential for serious damage exists.

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5. The Committee recommends:



b. US/UK authorities in NATO be informed of NATO security violations to foster strict observance of NATO COMSEC regulations.



d. US/UK jointly demonstrate proper techniques and explain sources of weaknesses  to improve cryptographic practices of NATO countries.



f. The National Security Council be briefed on the current state of the Allied Communications Security problem.

g. The Ad Hoc Committee be discharged effective immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director notes the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee are a considerable change from the former US/UK agreed position. There is no evidence the UK authorities have changed their previous position.



recommended the findings of the consumers be accepted.

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