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U.K./U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY CONFERENCE, 1953

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Conference

held at 1530, 9 June 1953

Present

Chairman: Mr. William F. Friedman

U.S. Delegates

Mr. Victor F. Keay
Mr. Frank B. Rowlett
Mr. Robert F. Packard
Capt. Gifford Granger, USN
Col. W. L. Sherburn, USA
Lt. Col. John M. Anderson, USAF

Observers

Mr. F. C. Austin  Mr. Peter P. Baynes
Mr. F. A. Raven  Cdr. W. L. Thomas
Dr. H. J. Stukay

1. The UK delegates had not had an opportunity to read carefully the Minutes of the Plenary Session and consideration of this item was postponed. The Minutes of the First Meeting of the Conference were corrected as follows:

(a) Delete all reference to the Executive Committee in paragraph 2.
(b) Substitute for (a) above, the following: "Papers produced by the two subcommittees will be considered by the conference sitting as a committee of the whole."

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

2. The Chairman then placed before the delegates the Report of Sub-committee 1 (PSC 004). This report was considered paragraph by paragraph and minor editorial changes were made. A rather detailed discussion arose concerning paragraphs 9 and 11b. With respect to paragraph 9, Mr. Packard recommended that the following be added to 9(c): "We have not recommended any conclusion that the security of communications of these NATO countries.

It was agreed to resubmit this paragraph to the subcommittee.

With respect to paragraph 11(b), Mr. Friedman suggested that the paragraph be changed to read as follows: "not lead to a direct disclosure

commented that this was more restrictive than had been expected. He stated that he did not see how we could effectively work under these conditions because under no circumstances whatever could a non-cooperating NATO nation be "brought to heel" by drawing attention to

pointed out that the process of solving the problem consisted of three phases. First, the nations must be informed that

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Mr. Friedman stated that in that event a second consultation would be required. He added that such disclosures would not be made without UK-US consultation.

After further discussion it was agreed to resubmit this paragraph to the subcommittee in order to arrive at a satisfactory wording consistent with the above discussion.

3. It was further agreed that the conference should meet again as a committee of the whole at 0900 on 10 June, at which time the British delegates would submit for discussion a paper on a method of approach to other nations.

4. The Chairman suggested that since the agenda of the conference had been extended to include a review of the conclusions and recommendations reached at the 1951 conference, the final report of this conference should include a statement that all conclusions and recommendations were made in the light of a review of all the conclusions and recommendations of the 1951 report. It was agreed.

In planning the future work of the conference it was agreed that Sub-committee 2 should submit its final report on Thursday, 11 June, and that the final Plenary Session should be held on Friday, 12 June.

At 1700, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.