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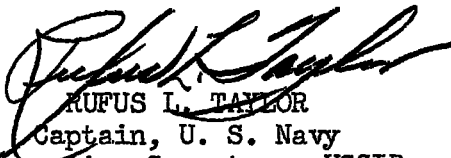
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Status of UKUSA COMINT Units in Germany.

The enclosed memorandum by the Department of State Member is forwarded for consideration by USCIB in connection with Item 3 of the Agenda for the 115th Meeting.


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Enclosure
Department of State Memo
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Status of UKUSA COMINT Units in Germany

REFERENCE: USCIB 29.20/6 and attachment

The conclusion that the attachment to the reference does not at this time present a specific problem for Board consideration appears to be correct. However, paragraph 9c of the attachment seems to imply that NATO has no interest at all in these units. I am informed that this is not entirely accurate.

A resolution of the North Atlantic Council adopted on October 22, 1954 in implementation of agreements reached at the London Parley states that all forces in the area of the Allied Command Europe shall be placed under SACEUR or other appropriate NATO command except for forces defending overseas territories and other forces which the Council has or will recognize as suitable for national command. NATO members are asked to report the forces in the area retained under national command together with a broad statement of the reasons for doing so. If, as is probable, the U.S. does not wish to place all COMINT units in Germany under NATO authority, this resolution requires that fact to be reported. This applies also to similar units in Greece and Turkey and to those to be established in Italy or any other NATO country.

The U.S. has not filed any report under paragraph 5 and, we are advised, probably will not do so until the details of SACEUR's recently increased authority are worked out. Meanwhile, I recommend that USCIB, through its military members, alert the appropriate U.S. military authorities in NATO to the COMINT aspect of this requirement.

(Signed)

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
Department of State Member

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