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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject:



Reference: USCIB 29.20/8 of 16 May 1955.

The Director, NSA has prepared the enclosed recommendations for consideration by USCIB in connection with item 3 of the agenda for the 115th meeting.

  
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Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: 

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 12 May 1955, CIB #000123, requesting comments on the proposals made by LSIB on the subject of UK Sigint Units in West Germany.

2. The advice given to LSIB with respect to the NATO status of UK Sigint Units in West Germany is diametrically opposed to an informal appraisal of the situation by representatives of the Department of State. The quadripartite Convention on Troops, agreed among the US, UK, France, and West Germany, provides for the continuing presence of foreign forces in the Federal Republic of Germany.

4. The final proposal of LSIB is to inform ACofS (I) SHAPE, that UK Sigint Units in West Germany are to be placed under SACEUR's command, with the understanding that in peacetime the units will remain under national control. The US ratified the SHAPE Y Agreement with the explicit understanding that Y units would remain at all times under national control. It seems apparent that UK and US interpretations of basic UKUSA policy governing participation in the NATO Y structure are at variance. The Director will proceed immediately to resolve these divergences of opinion, on Y matters, and report the results to USCIB.

5. It is understood that the Chairman, USCIB, has asked the Chairman, LSIB, to take no immediate action on the LSIB proposals.

6. It is recommended:

a. USCIB instruct the Department of State Member to review the status of US COMINT units in West Germany from the political point of view and attempt to reach agreement with the UK Foreign Office on an

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interpretation of governing political instruments.

b. In order to accelerate this process, USCIB designate a team composed of STATE and NSA representatives to visit London to discuss these problems with appropriate UK authorities.

c. Based on the outcome of UKUSA discussions, STATE be asked to evolve in coordination with the UK Foreign Office, appropriate procedures designed to protect the status of UKUSA COMINT units in Germany.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



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