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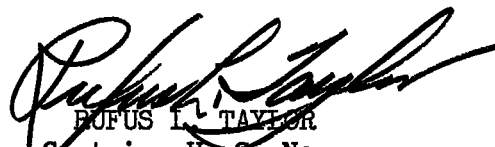
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Loan of ROCKEX Crypto System to West Germans.

Reference: USCIB 29.1/14 (Minutes of 99th Meeting).

The enclosure is forwarded for information in connection with the reference.


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure
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Copy of signal from Major General [redacted] to Brigadier Tiltman.

From: G.C.H.Q.

DTG: 151735Z/1/54.

To: S.L.O., Washington.

TILTMAN and [redacted]

Germans have replied they are very grateful for offer of Rockex but no longer wish to accept and will use Book and One-time Pads. They said that at time of first approach to us they expected conference to open first week in January and feared there was insufficient time to train necessary staff in Book Cypher procedure. Postponement has given them time for this.

2. They had also told us they intended to use two speech circuits Berlin/Bonn with commercial scrambler. We have warned them this affords no protection whatsoever and they have taken note.

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