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SUBJECT NUMBER

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Item 1 Considered at the 18th (Special) Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 15 September 1954.

Subject:

COMINT Arrangements with Third Parties

The CHAIRMAN (Captain Taylor) informed the members that the Board has instructed the Executive Committee to (1) consider the proposals in USCIB 29.19/1 with a view to making immediate recommendation as to suitable notification to U.K. authorities, taking into account the views of the Department of State member on the political implications of the matter, and (2) examine the entire proposal and submit recommendations with regard thereto. He stated that the primary object of this special meeting is to deal with (1), above, and then to discuss what action should be taken with regard to (2). He invited comments by Mr. Polyzoides.



The members then proceeded to discuss amendment of the draft message, ultimately agreeing upon changes which (1) indicated that the approach was made to a U.S. intelligence representative and was not government-to-government, and (2) removed wording which might be interpreted by the British as an unwarrantable USCIB request for prompt action on the part of LSIB.

The agreed version of the message of notification, as rewritten and distributed to all members at the meeting is as follows:

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"From Chairman, USCIB to Chairman, LSIB:

"1. United States intelligence representatives have been approached by intelligence officials of Government of [redacted] seeking U.S. assistance in [redacted]

[redacted] Desired assistance includes furnishing direction finding and intercept equipment, guidance in installation of equipment, [redacted]

[redacted] The request was accompanied by an offer to allocate approximately half of their [redacted] desired by U.S. Understood here that about [redacted] eventually would be placed in operation, divided among five installations.

"2. Before making any reply to [redacted] USCIB would be grateful for an early expression of LSIB views on this matter."

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The Chairman asked that all members clear this wording with their principals and endeavor to inform him by telephone of their concurrence or comments by the close of business on this date.

The CHAIRMAN then addressed himself to the second principal question, namely, what course is to be followed upon receipt of the British reply. He asked if the members preferred to wait until the reply is received or proceed on the assumption that the British reaction will be affirmative?

[redacted] asked if it is understood that we will go ahead if the British reply affirmatively.

This point was discussed in some detail, resulting in a general understanding that it is intended to proceed with [redacted] if there is no objection on the part of LSIB. It was agreed in principle that such a recommendation should be made to the Board. During this discussion Mr. [redacted] pointed out that our message to LSIB may well be the first indication to them that [redacted] has approached us, in [redacted]

The CHAIRMAN then stated that the one remaining question for the Committee to pursue is that of the degree to which the U.S. should be willing to go in dealings with [redacted]. He suggested that discussion of this aspect be held after a British reply to the message of notification is received.

The members agreed.

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DECISION: (15 September 1954) USCIBEC agreed to recommend USCIB acceptance of the proposed message of notification to LSIB (enclosure with USCIB 29.19/2) amended as indicated in the foregoing discussion. It was agreed that all members would endeavor to clear this wording with their principals and inform the Executive Secretary, by telephone, of their concurrence or comments.

Further, USCIBEC agreed in principle to recommend to USCIB that negotiations with [redacted] be pursued if LSIB approval is received, and that the question of degree of assistance to be given [redacted] will be studied further by the Committee following receipt of LSIB comments.

This item to remain on the agenda.

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