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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:


Subject: Program to Improve the Communication Security of NATO Countries (France).

References: (a) USCIB 29.1/27 of 6 July 1954.  
(b) USCIB 29.1/28 of 13 July 1954.

1. In accordance with the decision reached on the recommendations contained in paragraph 7 of the enclosure with reference (a), the Board approved release of TYPEX-22 by the UK to France and at the same time indicated a desire for more information on the French requirement for COMSEC monitoring presented by the UK members of the Combined Working Group. The enclosure with reference (b) conveyed to the senior UK Liaison Officer in Washington USCIB's views in this regard.

2. The SUKLO has furnished to the Chairman of the Combined Working Group as a matter of information bearing on the above a copy of the French reply to the UK notification of the availability of the TYPEX-22 equipments. No mention is made of the COMSEC monitoring requirement.

3. At the request of the Chairman of the Combined Working Group and U.S. Ad Hoc Committee for the Improvement of NATO Communication Security, the above mentioned French reply is circulated herewith as a matter of information in connection with the references.

  
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Dear Mr.

Your letter (ref-AYCIA/4585) dated July 28 just reached me before I left for my regular vacation, which came regrettably to an end a few days ago. I have not therefore yet been able to submit the technical note which you sent me, to the Commission Interministérielle, which will resume its activities this month; its members except Captain MULLER, are still scattered all over Europe in search of an elusive sun. After my return from London, I spoke to Col. ARNAUD who was interested by your suggestion to have some of the machines Typex 22 be given to the Military. He seemed anxious to go to London as I did, to contact your service. I will keep you informed of his intentions as soon as I am able to get in touch with him.

The difficulty which I anticipate as far as I am concerned, would be to obtain the necessary competent "personnel" to which the Typex 22 could be entrusted after the required training, in order to have the machines put in as many posts as possible. In that question of operators Col. ARNAUD will be in a better position than myself since the "responsible authorities" show generally more understanding for the needs of the army than those of the Quai d'Orsay.

Anyway I hope at last to be very soon able to make my exposé to the Commission and will communicate again with you.

Sincerely yours

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