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28 February 1955

~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:


Subject: Master Requirements List.

1. Further to the discussion of subject topic at the 26th meeting of USCIBEC on 25 February 1955, enclosed herewith is a draft of what I propose be sent to the Board for consideration at its next meeting on 11 March 1955.

2. The enclosure with the attached draft is not included due to press of time but it would be the cover memo and TABS A and B of the enclosure with USCIB 9.3/26, but not TAB C. You will note that the difference of opinion over TAB B is explained in the draft. The memo and TAB A will be corrected as agreed at our meeting.

3. As this seems to be the simplest way of handling this rather complex item your concurrence to this action is requested leaving the still unresolved aspects to be worked out in accordance with whatever action the Board decides to take on this.

4. I would be grateful for an indication of your views by the close of business Thursday, if possible, as time to prepare the papers for the Board is short.

  
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Enclosure  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: USCIB Master Requirements List.  
Reference: USCIB 9.3/23 of 10 January 1955.

1. Further to the plan outlined in the reference, the USCIB Executive Committee has received, and on 25 February considered a report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the reference.

2. USCIBEC was unable to recommend the report in its entirety. It did, however, agree to several basic aspects of it and is continuing consideration of the remainder. In addition, the State Department member expressed the view that the general plan now being pursued by USCIBEC may not be the best one. He has indicated that he will present an alternative plan for concurrent consideration. Meanwhile he agrees that such progress as has already been achieved should not be delayed because of his lack of enthusiasm for the plan presently under consideration.

3. This notice, therefore, constitutes a progress report to USCIB by USCIBEC setting forth what has been agreed to date and what remains to be done.

4. Turning to the enclosure herewith, the memorandum for the Chairman, USCIB and TAB A thereto are agreed by USCIBEC (with the State Department member abstaining). TAB B is not agreed. The majority of the Committee favor instead the following change to TAB B proposed by the NSA member:

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"Para 1: No change.

Para 2: Delete all after subpara 'd'.

Para 3: Delete entire paragraph and substitute the following:

'3. The Committee is of the opinion that it would be impracticable to set forth details of the mechanics or the mechanisms by which supplemental guidance is provided until after the procedures for providing suitable basic guidance have been implemented and been found to be satisfactory. It therefore recommends that the Director, NSA, submit his recommendations in this respect, as soon as possible, but not later than sixty days, after he receives the initial basic guidance as provided in TAB A.'

The Navy and Air Force members stated that they cannot accept the above quoted NSA proposal as they feel that the mechanism for providing supplemental guidance must be stipulated as part of the whole plan. They would accept TAB B with a few modifications (not included in this report).

5. TAB C to the enclosed report is still in draft form and has not been fully considered. For that reason TAB C is not included with the enclosure although it is mentioned therein. It consists of a list of intelligence requirements based on the National Intelligence Objectives set forth in DCID 4/4. USCIBEC's intention is that when the requirements list has been completed it will be sent to USCIB for approval together with the recommendation that, as approved by USCIB, the list be forwarded to the IAC for approval as indeed representing national intelligence requirements. It is recognized that approval of the list by the IAC may be a time consuming process. It is for this reason that Recommendation 3b. of TAB A suggests that USCIB use the list (as approved by itself) as

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a basis for indicating which requirements USCIB believes should be assigned as COMINT tasks thus avoiding a long hiatus in implementing the plan set forth in TAB A.

6. It should be pointed out that the above described requirements list is a key factor in implementing the plan owing to the fact that the assignment of COMINT tasks and the development of an implementing plan for allocation of facilities are based on the assumption that an agreed national intelligence requirements list will be achieved.

7. USCIBEC therefore recommends that the Board consider the plan set forth in the enclosure in the light of the explanation set forth above and indicate whether it approves the action taken by USCIBEC thus far and issue such additional guidance if and as it may deem appropriate.

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