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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER JOHN H. TILTMAN:

Subject: Status of U.S. Consideration of [redacted] Proposals -
as presented by [redacted].

1. At the Fifty-seventh Meeting of USCIB, 10 November 1950, [redacted] representing [redacted] made an oral presentation in which he asked that USCIB give consideration to certain proposals which had been the subject of discussion by [redacted] in general, these proposals concerned the following matters:

- (a) Cooperation with third parties in peacetime (with a specific request for approval of the conclusion of COMINT arrangements with [redacted]).
- (b) Cooperation with third parties in war, and
- (c) Global U.S./British COMINT structure in event of war.

2. As of this date, the status of U.S. consideration of the above proposals is as follows:

Proposal (a) - USCIB has approved the conclusion of COMINT arrangements with [redacted] subject to certain conditions which were set forth in the Coordinator's Memorandum to Brigadier Tiltman serial 000314, dated 26 December 1950.

With reference to the conclusion of such arrangements with other third parties, USCIB considers that the following general principles should govern:

- (1) The exchange of "releasable"* equipment, or money, for important raw traffic or end products not otherwise obtainable might be safely undertaken with any non-Soviet, non-satellite country under certain conditions varying with each country. In this connection, the possible security compromise involved in merely presenting requirements must be considered.

* NOTE: Releasable under U.S. and U.K. National Policies governing disclosure of classified information to other nations.

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- (2) The offer made to favorably located NATO nations, of raw traffic taken on "fixed" circuits using transmission methods not employed primarily for their security features, for important raw traffic or end products not otherwise obtainable is an acceptable risk.
- (3) The offer of any sort of end products, or of raw traffic taken on circuits using transmission methods employed principally for their security features, or on circuits on which continuity of intercept can be had only through cryptanalytic success, should be considered only in cases of the direst sort of need; and then only after it has been clearly established that substantial benefit in the technical or intelligence field will accrue.
- (4) In the application of the foregoing it should be axiomatic that (a) the first offer in all cases should be equipment or money, and (b) there be previous [] in each case, and, unless there is mutual agreement as to the measures to be taken, unilateral action shall never proceed beyond those measures allowed in subparagraph (1).

Proposals (b) and (c) - These proposals, of a broader nature, are now under study by the individual Service organizations represented on USCIB, and the Armed Forces Security Agency with a view to formulating an agreed U.S. Policy which will serve as a U.S. basis for combined discussions on the problems at a later date.

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I will keep you informed of our progress in the consideration of
the above matters.

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