

~~TOP SECRET FROTH~~~~TOP SECRET FROTH~~110TH USCIB MEETINGItem 3 COMINT CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING
OF CHICOM ATTACK ON FORMOSA AND THE
OFF-SHORE ISLANDSBACKGROUND

1. USCIB 9.2/8 contains a summary of USCIB consideration of this item at the Board's special session of 26 October 1954. Pursuant to the decisions reached at that time, the Executive Secretary drafted, and circulated with 9.2/8 for USCIB approval, a memorandum addressed to NSC. The draft indicated various measures considered by USCIB to improve COMINT capability against Communist China.

2. State Department comments on the draft memorandum to NSC were circulated as USCIB 9.2/9. State suggested that the memorandum should not be forwarded.

3. USCIB 9.2/9 was considered at the 109th Meeting of USCIB, and it was decided (as stated in USCIB 9.2/14) that the draft memorandum would not be forwarded at that time; that, instead, more time would be allowed to determine whether action

A report
by the Chairman, USCIBEC, containing USCIBEC recommendations developed at its 2 December 1954 meeting, was circulated as USCIB 9.2/18 for consideration at the 110th Meeting of USCIB.

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5. As indicated in USCIB 9.2/18, USCIBEC intends to study the situation further at its next regular meeting. The basis for further study will be reports to be undertaken by NSA, CIA, and State. A special USCIBEC session will be held if an unforeseen development should occur. This additional study is considered advisable prior to a USCIB decision on the draft memorandum to NSC. This course of action is recommended by USCIBEC.

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RECOMMENDATION

6. It is recommended that the Director's position on this item at the 110th Meeting of USCIB be as follows:

a. USCIB should approve the conclusions and course of action set forth in USCIB 9.2/18.

b. USCIB should hold in abeyance the draft memorandum to NSC until and unless USCIBEC should report that the situation is unsatisfactory.

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