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COMMUNICATION

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING
 US CONFEREES
 FRENCH SECURITY CONFERENCE

1000 MONDAY, 18 MAY, 1953
 Room 19-232B, U.S. NAVAL SECURITY STATION
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

Those present were:

Mr. W. F. Friedman, NSA, Chairman
 Mr. R. F. Packard (State Dept.)
 Mr. W. H. Godel (OSD)
 Mr. V. P. Keay (FBI)
 Mr. F. B. Rowlett (CIA)
 Capt. R. L. Taylor, USN (NSG)
 Col. M. L. Sherburne, USA (Army)
 Lt. Col. J. M. Anderson, USAF (Air Force)
 Lt. K. B. Monypeny, Jr., NSA, Secretary

NSA Observers

Dr. L. E. Shinn
 Dr. L. W. Tordella
 Dr. H. J. Stukey
 Mr. J. H. Douglas
 Mr. Frank Austin

1. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that minutes be taken of this meeting and distributed to the conferees at an early date.
2. The Chairman next stated the three main issues of the forthcoming conference as set forth in Par. 7, LSIB Memo of 26 February 1953 to USCIB, (USCIB: 23/48), namely:
 - a. To review the proposed tactics of the approach to the French on the security of their diplomatic ciphers.
 - b. To consider strategy on the wider question of the diplomatic ciphers of other NATO nations.
 - c. To consider--provided it does not hold up action on the diplomatic ciphers--the security of the ciphers used by the armed forces of France and other NATO countries.

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3. The Chairman stated that it would be desirable to draw up a US position paper in order to exchange viewpoints with the British prior to their departure from London. He noted that a USCIB ad hoc committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Polyzoides of the State Department, was attempting to complete a report today, and the paper should aid the US conferees in arriving at a sound US position. He added that until that report was available there was not much to be done other than to discuss and possibly agree on the proposal to be made to the UK delegation, as to the organizational structure of the conference.

4. After discussion, it was agreed not to suggest to the British the formation of an Executive Committee with two or more subcommittees, but rather to deal with all problems as a committee of the whole, with perhaps the Heads of the two delegations meeting from time to time as a small committee for executive matters.

5. The Chairman noted that the Chairman, USCIB, had stated at the last meeting that reaffirmation by NSC (National Security Council) should be obtained of the 1951 US position with regard to what was to be done in the specific instance of the insecurity of the diplomatic communications of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After detailed discussion of this matter it was agreed to recommend to USCIB that NSC be requested to review its decision on the specific case of France but only after the UK delegation had had an opportunity to present its facts and position in the premises.

6. In further discussion with respect to the position paper to be prepared and forwarded by the US, it was agreed that the Polyzoides report must be the basis for the work of the US conferees, and until that report was available it would be impossible to establish a US position.

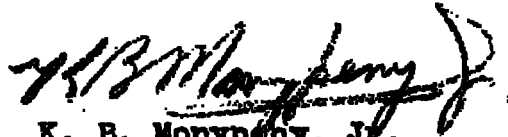
7. Mr. Packard pointed out that there was also the question to consider of developing a firm opinion concerning physical and internal security. He suggested that the second report of the Tripartite Security Working Group report be digested.

8. The Chairman stated that he would approach Mr. John T. Elliot, Chairman, U.S. Team of the Tripartite Security Working Group, and request that his committee

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submit (a) a digest of the latest report on French internal security to the U.S. conferees, and (b) a statement as to how it might become possible or practicable to apply or adopt the Tripartite Security Standards throughout the whole of the NATO structure.

9. The next meeting of the US conferees was tentatively scheduled for 25 May, at 1000 hours at the same location, depending on availability of the Polyzoides report and action taken by USCIB at its next meeting.



K. B. Monypeny, Jr.
Secretary