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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR
ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY

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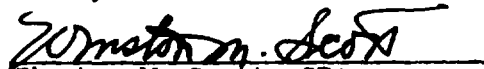
SUBJECT: Report of U. S. Subcommittee on Security, U. S. - U. K.
Conference on insecurity of French Communications

1. The subcommittee which was to report on "The Nature and Scope of Present French Internal Insecurity" met on 25 April 1951 and after discussing the enclosures and the latest information with regard to the probable position which will be taken by the U. K. representatives to the forthcoming conference, has concluded that:

- a) Although some improvements have been made, and steps are being taken toward further improvements, available facts show that the French Government at present is infiltrated with Communists, subject to violent internal dissension, and careless of its own security to a degree where its classified information is seriously in danger of exposure to unauthorized persons.
- b) Because of the presence of Communists in French Government positions, although evidence that they have actually passed classified information to the Soviets is lacking, the passage of such information must be assumed to occur.


2. The subcommittee therefore recommends that the conclusion set forth in Para. 3g of the AFSA Staff Study on the improvement of French communications be adhered to in discussions with the U. K. representatives, if there is to be information to the French.

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