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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Appendix "P" to the UK/USA Agreement.

The enclosed correspondence between the Director, NSA and Director, GCHQ is circulated for information as requested by the Director, NSA.


H. D. JONES

Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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a/s

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DGC/5738.

Tel: Cheltenham 55321

10th June, 1955

Director,
National Security Agency,
Washington.

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Copy to: Senior United Kingdom Liaison Officer.

During the [redacted] of July 1954, it emerged that sub-paragraph 5(a) of Appendix P to the UKUSA Agreement had not, in the past, been interpreted in the same sense on both sides of the Atlantic. The U.S. had interpreted this sub-paragraph exactly as written (although, I gather, with qualifications in practice); the U.K. as though the word "or" in the phrase "or taken on circuits etc" had been "and". It was then agreed that the practical application of this paragraph should be the same on both sides and that N.S.A. and G.C.H.Q. should discuss and agree an interpretation.

2. Subsequently I wrote to you on this subject in my DGC/4708 of the 16th August, 1954, and your reply reached me through a SUSLO minute, reference SUSLO/00875, of the 26th August, 1954. I now feel that it will suffice if the two Agencies have a clear understanding of how the other will apply the provisions of para. 5 in practice.



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4. I feel that this line probably corresponds very closely with your own; if it does, I think there is no need for any more formal agreement. The agreement to consult, as expressed in the last few lines of para. 5, should cover all possible difficulties that may arise.

/s/
Director

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DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: Appendix "P" to the UK/USA Agreement

1. In reference to your DGC/5738, dated 10 June 1955, I am in complete accord with your interpretation of paragraph 5(a) and paragraph 5(j) of Appendix "P" to the UK/USA Agreement as expressed in paragraph 3 of the referenced letter.

2. In view of the above, I agree with you that there exists no requirement for any further formal agreement.

/s/ Ralph J. Canine
RALPH J. CANINE
Lieutenant General, US Army
Director

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