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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Future Status of U.K. Sigint Units in West Germany.

1. The following informal message was received from SUSLO, LONDON this date:

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"I INQUIRED TODAY IF [] HAD ACKNOWLEDGED (RECEIPT OF CHAIRMAN USCIB'S MESSAGE) THROUGH SUKLO CHANNEL. WAS TOLD 'NO', THAT HE HAD NOTED (IT) AND HAD STOPPED ALL BRITISH ACTION PENDING FURTHER WORD BASED ON USCIB DELIBERATIONS OF 20 MAY. INTERESTED RECEIVE USCIB VIEWS."

2. As indicated in USCIB 29.20/12, USCIB views have been handed to SUKLO, Washington. A copy of these views has also been informally transmitted to SUSLO, London.


RUFUS L. TAYLOR,
Captain, U. S. Navy
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Pursuant to USCIB decision at the 115th Meeting the enclosed reply to LSIB's proposals on the above subject has received unanimous approval of the members, and has been transmitted to the Senior U.K. Liaison Officer, Washington.


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Captain, U. S. Navy
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Enclosure
Copy of CIB 000132
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~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR U.K. LIAISON OFFICER, WASHINGTON:

Subject: Future Status of U.K. Sigint Units in West Germany.

References: (a) MOP/4589 of 10 May 1955.
(b) CIB # 000124 of 17 May 1955.

In reply to reference (a), and further to reference (b) it is requested that the following be passed to the Chairman, LSIB from the Chairman, USCIB:

"1. USCIB HAS NOTED THE DECISION OF LSIB:

- A) TO PLACE ALL U.K. SIGINT UNITS IN WEST GERMANY IN THE ORDER OF BATTLE OF U.K. FORCES CONTRIBUTED TO SACEUR'S COMMAND:
- B) TO INFORM THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, IN GENERAL TERMS, OF THE SIZE, LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF THESE UNITS:
- C) TO INFORM A.C. OF S.(I) SHAPE OF THE ACTION BEING TAKEN AT A) ABOVE.

"2. USCIB PERCEIVES IN THE ABOVE DECISION A POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION OF U.S. COMINT UNITS IN GERMANY MANY OF WHICH ARE UNSUITABLE FOR THE SACEUR 'Y' EFFORT AND THEREFORE NOT INTENDED TO BE PLACED IN THE ORDER OF BATTLE OF U.S. FORCES CONTRIBUTED TO SACEUR'S COMMAND. USCIB FEELS, IN ADDITION THAT UNILATERAL ACTION ON THIS MATTER BY EITHER THE U.S. OR U.K. SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

"3. ACCORDINGLY, USCIB WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A STATEMENT FROM LSIB AS TO THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED TO THE ABOVE DECISION AND THE BASIS FOR THE JURIDICAL OPINION EXPRESSED IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF USCIB'S OWN VIEWS WHICH WOULD BE FORWARDED TO YOU WITH THE LEAST PRACTICABLE DELAY. FURTHER, USCIB FEELS THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO BOARDS MAY BE DESIRABLE PRIOR TO TAKING FURTHER ACTION. THESE, IF DESIRABLE, COULD TAKE PLACE IN LONDON AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED LATER."

(Signed)
RUFUS L. TAYLOR
Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure with USCIB 29.20/12 of 24 May 1955