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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: COMINT Arrangements with Third Parties
Reference: USCIB 29.19/3 of 16 September 1954.

The enclosed LSIB reply to USCIB's query on the above subject is forwarded for consideration in connection with item one of the agenda for the 21st USCIBEC Meeting, to be held on 22 October 1954.


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Executive Secretary, USCIB

Enclosure
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"ISIB has considered your message (WL 631) about the [redacted] request for U.S. aid in [redacted] and has concluded that it would have no objection to the provision of such aid provided it were understood that:

- (a) the interception service thus established would be directed [redacted]
- (b) the training to be given by the U.S. would be limited to the elementary aspects of Comint.

"2. As you are aware, the U.K. has been conducting discussions with [redacted]

[redacted] By a coincidence LSIB has heard in the last few days that [redacted] has accepted the U.K. proposals in principle, and you were about to be informed that, as a result, the U.K. no longer has any hesitation in agreeing to a U.S. approach for [redacted] there. (I understand that Director, GCHQ told the Senior U.S. Liaison Officer a short time ago that he hoped for such a development in two to three weeks.) However, ISIB feels that, in this matter of an approach [redacted] it is of particular importance that there should be the maximum co-ordination between the U.S. and the U.K., and suggests that full details of each party's intentions and progress should be exchanged at all stages via the normal channels.

"3. In the course of the recent negotiations the [redacted] have sounded the U.K. representative on the question of [redacted] personnel, and ISIB considers it desirable that the U.S. and the U.K. should agree on a common standard of guidance and of release of information beyond which neither party would proceed in aiding the [redacted]. If you agree, it is suggested that Director NSA and Director GCHQ should be asked to define this standard and to interpret the elementary aspects of Comint referred to in paragraph 1(b) above.

"4. If the U.S. in negotiating with [redacted] wished to make it a condition that the [redacted] should allow the U.S. to set up a purely U.S. [redacted]. ISIB would of course welcome the increase in UKUSA [redacted] that this would involve.

"5. Your views on paragraphs 2 and 3 above would be appreciated as soon as possible, in view of progress in the U.K.'s negotiations with [redacted]"

Enclosure with USCIB 29.19/7 dated 19 Oct 54.