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USCIB: 29.17/12 Item 5 of the Agenda for the 109th Meeting of USCIB, held on 12 November 1954.

Subject: COMINT Relations with [redacted]

THE ACTING CHAIRMAN (General Cabell) introduced this item and invited comment by Captain Taylor.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR distributed for consideration by the members a draft memorandum for LSIB which, he explained, informs them of the extent to which we endorse their report. He noted that the British memorandum asks that we not only use U.K. channels to supply equipment we might intend to give to the [redacted] but also to guarantee in advance to supply modern intercept equipment of both COMINT and ELINT nature, without knowing what would be required. He pointed out that the July Conference did not include guarantees to supply COMINT equipment and that, as the British have themselves recognized, USCIB is not the cognizant U.S. authority over ELINT.

The members considered the draft memorandum proposed by Captain Taylor and accepted the general tenor of it. After agreeing upon certain amendments the Board directed that the memorandum, as amended, be sent.

The memorandum, with agreed changes, reads as follows:

"1. USCIB is most grateful for the full report of your initial negotiations with [redacted] forwarded with LSIB/369/54.

"2. While USCIB is quite ready to endorse your arrangements in general as being in accord with the understandings reached at the July Conference, there are several points in paragraph 7 of DGC 4952 which require clarification.

"3. USCIB agrees that any U.S. COMINT help to [redacted] should be channeled through the U.K. and are likewise ready to agree to cessation of any U.S. COMINT approaches to [redacted]. However, on the matter of a U.S. guarantee to supply modern COMINT intercept equipment, USCIB would need to have some idea of precisely what would be required of the U.S. before making such a commitment.

"4. The matter of the ELINT aspect is, as you know, not one on which USCIB is in a position to give any guarantees. However, USCIB recognizes this problem and is hopeful of its early solution. Here again, the matter of undertaking in advance to supply modern ELINT equipment is one on which the U.S. would have to reserve its opinion."

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DECISION: (12 November 1954) USCIB approved as a reply to LSIB memorandum LSIB/369/54 the memorandum prepared by the Executive Secretary, amended to read as indicated in the foregoing discussion.

This item to be dropped from the agenda.

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