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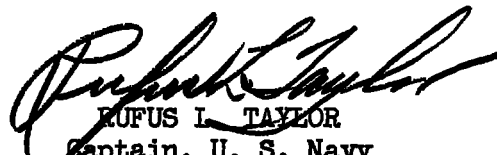
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject:

1. The enclosed memorandum is circulated for information at the suggestion of the Director, National Security Agency.

2. THIS DOCUMENT AND ITS ENCLOSURE CONTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

  
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Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. The information set forth below is forwarded as a matter of interest in connection with our Third Party arrangements.

2. The Director, GCHQ, recently informed this Agency that a representative of GCHQ, in the guise of a member of another organization, met an officer of the [REDACTED] while on an official visit to [REDACTED]. As you know, NSA has for some years been receiving [REDACTED] under the [REDACTED]

3. The [REDACTED] officer indicated that his organization was most anxious to open up exchange arrangements with the British to include the following items:

- a. Exchange of D/F bearings.
- b. Exchange of raw traffic.
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. Supply of Hollerith equipment.
- e. An advanced state of technical cooperation.

He emphasized the boon that [REDACTED] help would be to the British, pointing out that his organization had a total strength of 650, of whom 300 are intercept operators (over 150 have had 7 years' experience) and 100 are cryptanalysts. He made several interesting statements about the [REDACTED] and has recently followed this up with a letter urgently pressing for an agreement on items (a) and (c) as a first step.

4. The Director, GCHQ, believes it is possible that benefit might accrue to the combined US-UK COMINT effort by sympathetic consideration of 3 (a), (b), (c), and (d) above, for which the provisions of Appendix P should clearly apply. Comments were requested of the Director, NSA.

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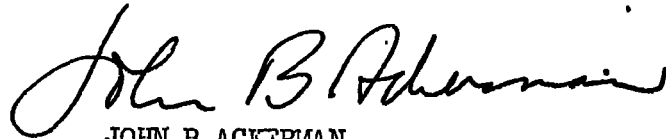
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5. In view of the fact that [ ] is a most valuable source, and may become even more so, Director, GCHQ, was advised that efforts to maintain it are worthwhile, excluding the expressed desire for an advanced state of technical cooperation. He was also informed that the U.S. does not contemplate going beyond the present provision to the [ ] of cash, equipment, and a small intercept and D/F site in [ ]

It was pointed out that we are reasonably confident that present arrangements will be maintained and probably expanded without the need for the U.S. to furnish any further quid-pro-quo. This expansion is expected eventually to include the provision to the U.S. of the material now received solely through [ ]

6. The Director, GCHQ, was assured that he would be advised of any material change that may develop in the present situation.



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Acting Director

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