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USCIB: 25/5 Item not on Agenda for the Eighty-sixth (Special)
Meeting of USCIB, held on 28 May 1953.

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Subject: Report by DIRNSA on Relationship of Department of
Defense Economy Program to NSA Production.

GENERAL CANINE said he wanted to apprise the Board of the impending economy wave in the Department of Defense and the fact that it probably will affect the quantity of production which the consumers of NSA products can expect. He pointed out that some time ago he told the Board that NSA personnel had been frozen at 1,000 short of its civilian strength, and added that the Department of Defense military strength had been cut by some as yet indeterminate figure, consequently the size of the cut to the COMINT organizations is likewise indeterminate. He explained that NSA hoped to have a planned balanced reduction. He said the FY 54 budget is somewhat less than had been originally submitted, and explained that the total production of the agency will have to go on a more highly selective basis than at present, priorities of selection to be determined by USCIB.

MR. ARMSTRONG inquired when NSA planned to move to the new site.

GENERAL CANINE replied that the move would commence in October or November of 1954, at which time he would have more space available. However, he added that he still would not have the ability to institute mechanical substitutes for manpower.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if there was any action required by the Board.

GENERAL CANINE replied in the negative, stating that he simply wanted to apprise the Board of the situation, in accordance with the provisions of NSCID # 9.

DECISION: (28 May 1953) No action required by USCIB at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 1710.



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