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~~SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: USCIB Master Requirements List.

Reference: USCIB 9.3/31 of 8 March 1955.

1. In voting on the reference the comments set forth below have been received and are circulated as a matter of interest in connection with item 3 of the agenda of the 27th meeting of USCIBEC. It is considered that these comments will be of interest as background for any discussion of USCIB 9.3/32 and any COMINT Requirements List that may come out of this effort.

2. Comments received thus far follow herewith:

CIA - "The approval of this list by CIA is on the basis that other members of USCIBEC may wish to make substantive additions and deletions. Moreover, it is suggested that this list, when finalized, be regarded as the basis from which a COMINT Requirements List may be derived by USCIBEC."

DEFENSE - "Disapproved. While the CIA list seems to be a comprehensive statement of the essential elements of information required from all sources to fulfill the National Intelligence Objectives, Defense considers it much too lengthy, detailed and cumbersome to be developed into the clear, succinct and understandable order from USCIB to the Director, NSA which Defense believes basic guidance should be. This list approaches what Defense visualizes as supplemental guidance rather than guidance for the basic allocation of COMINT resources."

USAF - "Disapproved. It is recommended that: (a) Each member department and agency submit to USCIBEC a list of its COMINT requirements, in consonance with the National Intelligence Objectives. (b) USCIBEC, with the assistance of personnel familiar with all sources of intelligence, consolidate these lists as the proposed Master COMINT Requirements List."

NSA - "Desire paper be considered at next regular meeting. The inclosure is believed to be generally acceptable as an answer to step a of paragraph 2 of TAB A. However, both in order to accomplish steps b, c, d, and e and to produce a satisfactory COMINT Requirements List, certain modifications, primarily in form rather than in substance, will be required. Therefore, it is considered that TAB C should be discussed at the next meeting of USCIBEC, with a view to reaching agreement on the desired modifications."

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-----FBI - "Approved."

NAVY - "Disapproved. It is understood that CIA is preparing a final draft of requirements incorporating basically those requirements listed in the MRL, and in the form and order of priority of DCIS 4/4, which draft the Navy desires to consider."



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