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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Annual Report of the Executive Secretary, USCIB.

Reference: USCIB 5.4/12 dated 15 June 1954.

1. The reference was considered by USCIBEC at its Sixteenth Meeting on 25 June 1954.

2. USCIBEC approved the Executive Secretary's report subject to the following decisions and comments:

a. Discussion of the recommendation contained in Section II, paragraph C.1 of the report of the Executive Secretary indicated that the National Security Agency had interpreted USCIB 13.5/42 of 8 March 1954 as establishing the minimum standards required by USCIB Directive No. 9, Revised. A majority of the other members indicated that they had been operating under the impression that USCIB 13.5/42 did not constitute the minimum standards required by Section III, paragraph 1 of CIBD No. 9, Revised, and they had therefore been awaiting distribution of such minimum standards. To accomplish this, each member department and agency agreed to notify the Executive Secretary, USCIB, by Friday, 2 July 1954, of acceptance (or non-acceptance, with appropriate recommendations) of USCIB 13.5/42 dated 8 March 1954 as the minimum standards governing communications security systems, procedures, practices and training programs to be followed by all USCIB member organizations in the transmission of COMINT by electrical means.

b. With regard to the recommendation contained in Section II, paragraph C.3 of the report of the Executive Secretary, the NSA member expressed some doubt as to the possibility of full implementation of Appendix "B" by 16 August 1954, in view of the necessity of securing British concurrence to categorization of COMINT. After some discussion, the members agreed that expeditious action toward full implementation of Appendix "B" was desirable and that the target date of 16 August 1954 should be accepted.

3. Notification of this action of USCIBEC is forwarded to USCIB in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of USCIB Directive No. 1. In the absence of objection by any member prior to 1700, 14 July 1954, the above USCIBEC decision will be considered approved.

4. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

  
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