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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Alerting the Highest Authorities.

Reference: USCIB 9.2/34, 26 April 1955.

1. Vote sheet replies to the reference indicate approval by all members except the Director, NSA, whose vote of disapproval was accompanied by the following comment:

"a. USCIBEC should note the contents of the subject paper, and should decide that;

- (1) Insofar as the NSC Committee Report pertains to COMINT, USCIB should seek an opportunity to comment on the report before NSC decides on it; the Executive Secretary should undertake to arrange for such action by USCIB.
- (2) Pending NSC approval of the NSC committee recommendations, USCIB should take whatever actions it deems necessary on the methods of alerting the highest authorities.
- (3) Subsequent to NSC approval of the NSC committee's recommendations, USCIB actions on this subject should be taken in the light of those recommendations.
- (4) The matter should be dropped by the Intelligence Committee pending further instructions.

"b. Disapproval of this action by NSA would normally result in having this matter considered at the next regular meeting of USCIBEC on 26 May 1955. Subsequent USCIB approval of any USCIBEC decision thereon, under interregnum procedure, would very likely not be forthcoming until 3 June at the earliest, or three weeks after the target date for submission of the NSC committee recommendations. It is considered that USCIB would wish to have an opportunity to comment on the NSC committee recommendations at the earliest opportunity, and, in any case, prior to final NSC action thereon. Accordingly, it is requested that results of this vote sheet action be referred directly to USCIB as a matter of priority, in order that the Board may consider this important matter at its meeting on 13 May 1955." *

* Note: This meeting postponed one week.

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2. In view of the foregoing comment, this matter is being added to the agenda for consideration at the 115th meeting of USCIB.


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