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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: ~~(Confidential)~~ Emergency and Operational Dissemination of  
Comint

1. CIBD #15 provides that exceptions to the level of authority permitted to determine the existence of an emergency justifying the exceptional dissemination of Categories II and III Comint shall be specifically authorized by USCIB.

2. Within the Continental Air Defense Command, the Air Defense Division commander is the key to the success of air defense operations. It is at his level that the critical combat decisions are made, and therefore, Comint is essential to him. Recognition of this fact has resulted in the clearance of the division commander and other key individuals on his staff for Comint and the establishment of an SSO facility at his headquarters.

3. Based on the same considerations, it is considered that the air defense division commander should be given the authority to determine the existence of an emergency justifying the exceptional dissemination of Categories II and III Comint. Therefore, it is requested that USCIB designate Commanders of Air Defense Divisions as exceptions to the lowest level of authority as set forth in Appendix A of CIBD #15.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

(Signed)  
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