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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Revision of USCIB Directive Number 9 of 4 February 1954.

Reference: USCIB 4.2/25 of 24 September 1954.

1. Vote sheet responses to the reference indicate approval by all except the CIA member who, while approving the idea, felt that the wording of the proposed change is such as to inadvertently derogate authority previously conferred on the individual members by paragraph 2, SECTION II, of subject directive. Specifically, it is considered that the phrase "persons whose official activities are under the control", etc., as used in the proposed change would have the effect of making a declaration of compromise mandatory in the case of an inadvertent disclosure to a person whose official activities are not under the control of a member who might otherwise be responsible for distribution and security control of COMINT supplied to that person even though the member concerned might be completely sure that no loss of accountability has in fact occurred or is likely to occur.

2. Accordingly, it is suggested that instead of the change set forth in the reference the following be substituted therefor:

a. SECTION II, Paragraph 2:

After the first sentence insert a new sentence as follows:

"In evaluating possible compromises due to inadvertent or accidental disclosure of COMINT information, COMINT compromise (loss of accountability) need not be assumed to have occurred if, in the opinion of the cognizant member, the unauthorized individual or individuals involved have maintained, and may reasonably be expected to continue to maintain, absolute secrecy concerning the knowledge inadvertently revealed."

b. SECTION II, Paragraph 2:

Change the first four words in the second sentence to read: "Whatever the case, if, in the member's opinion,".

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3. As the change set forth in paragraph 2 above would seem to serve the same purpose as the reference, it is suggested that in the absence of objection from any member by the close of business, Friday, 29 October 1954, said change be considered approved and the Executive Secretary issue a correction sheet containing the amended version of paragraph 2, SECTION II, for pasting in on subject directive.



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