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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: COMINT Relations with [redacted]

Reference: USCIB 29.19/13 of 6 December 1954.

1. As a result of USCIB approval of the reference the following was delivered to the Chairman, LSIB by SUSLO, London on 21 December 1954:

"USCIB agrees with LSIB that in the matter of COMINT relations with [redacted] there should be maximum coordination between U.S. and U.K. and that full details of each party's intentions and progress should be exchanged at all stages via normal channels. Meanwhile, USCIB has approved negotiations for site survey to be followed by negotiations for base rights. As you have suggested, DIRNSA, will reach agreement with Director, GCHQ, on definition of common UKUSA standard of guidance and release of information. Directors, NSA and GCHQ, further will agree on interpretation of elementary aspects of [redacted] considered for [redacted]. Such agreements are considered minimum requirement before U.S. proceeds with further consideration of this arrangement with [redacted]

2. In response to the above the following has been received from the Chairman, LSIB via SUSLO, London:

"Thank you for your memorandum dated 21st December 1954 concerning Comint relations with [redacted]. L.S.I.B. is pleased to note USCIB's agreement that there should be the maximum coordination between the U.S. and the U.K. on this subject.

"2. Since my last memorandum, further negotiations have taken place between the U.K. and [redacted] as a result of which agreement has been reached for the U.K. to carry out a year's reconnaissance at [redacted] on the following conditions:

"(a) The U.K. will provide two full-time instructors and some radio equipment to train [redacted] for one year in [redacted]. (In both cases advanced techniques will be excluded, to keep the training within the limits of Appendix P of the UKUSA Agreement).

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"(b) The reconnaissance will be carried out privately by U.K. personnel only, though suitable tasks will be passed to the training instructors to assist [REDACTED] training.

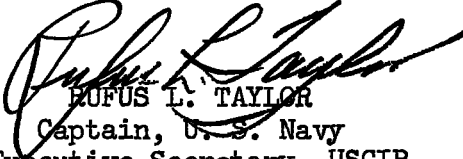
"(c) The reconnaissance set-room will be so sited that access by certain [REDACTED] can occasionally be arranged. (Care will be taken at such times to ensure that nothing is seen by the [REDACTED] beyond the limits set by Appendix P).

"(d) At the end of the year's reconnaissance, the results thereof and the progress in training will be reviewed, and a decision taken as to the need for and possibility of setting up a permanent station.

"3. The U.K. proposes to send a G.C.H.Q. officer to [REDACTED] at the end of January 1955, to make arrangements for the necessary accommodation, etc. It is envisaged that the reconnaissance will be carried out by four operators, and results will be passed to N.S.A. through normal Comint channels.

"4. Director G.C.H.Q. is preparing detailed proposals in respect of the elementary Comint training envisaged in paragraph 2(a), which will be forwarded to Director N.S.A. at an early date. Beyond such proposals, Director G.C.H.Q. will await Director N.S.A.'s views on a common UKUSA standard of guidance and release of Comint information to [REDACTED].

"5. I would be grateful in due course to know details of the progress of U.S. negotiations with [REDACTED]"


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