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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Categorization of COMINT.

Reference: USCIB 13.7/41, 18 May 1955.

1. At its 30th meeting USCIBEC considered the referenced Air Force proposal that specified types of information be approved for immediate assignment to CATEGORY I. In its consideration of the proposal USCIBEC dealt separately with the problems of operational use of the information and use of it for non-operational, or training, purposes.

a. Regarding operational use, USCIBEC agreed to recommend USCIB approval of the assignment to Category I of all of the types of information proposed in the reference which are considered to fall within the purview of paragraph 2, Annexure B1, Appendix B, of the UKUSA Agreement. While all members were agreed that the types of information proposed for assignment, with two possible exceptions, actually fall within Annexure B1 it was decided to refer the entire list to the Committee established by the Director, NSA (to prepare and maintain lists of COMINT material assigned to the various Categories) for a more definite listing of the material involved. USCIBEC expressed its willingness to accept the decision of this Committee, with the understanding that should any of the types of information proposed be considered not assignable by virtue of the criteria set forth in Annexure B1 the Air Force member may propose further action by USCIBEC.

b. Regarding use of the information in question for non-operational or training purposes USCIBEC agreed, in view of the need for an established policy, to recommend that the Army member prepare a study on this subject, presenting views which can be considered at a future meeting of USCIBEC.

2. The above decisions of USCIBEC are forwarded for USCIB review. In the absence of objection by any member by the close of business Tuesday, 14 June 1955, they will be considered approved.

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