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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

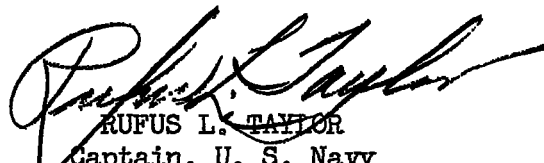
Subject: Delineation of Categories of COMINT.

References: (a) USCIB 13.7/30 dated 30 July 1954 (Item 4 of
17th USCIBEC).
(b) USCIB 13.4/3 dated 24 August 1954.

1. The enclosed Report of the Chairman of the Intelligence Committee is submitted in accordance with reference (a) as the unanimous opinion of that Committee.

2. 1 November 1954 is suggested as the date upon which the enclosed recommendations could conveniently be made effective. In this connection attention is invited to reference (b). It should also be noted that introduction of categories means full implementation of the new Appendix "B" and a new connotation for codewords which formerly indicated the nature of the substance of the material to which they referred (i.e. whether Special or Traffic Intelligence) but will now indicate only the category of the material to which they refer.

3. It is requested that the attached vote sheet be executed and returned to this office by the close of business on Tuesday, 7 September 1954.


RUFUS L. TAYLOR
Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB:

Subject: Categories of COMINT.

Reference: USCIB 5/460 dated 30 July 1953.

1. Pursuant to the reference and the decision reached at the Seventeenth Meeting of USCIBEC on 30 July 1954, the Intelligence Committee worked out an agreed upon view as to the assignment of cryptosystems and classes of COMINT to categories in consonance with criteria provided in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Appendix "B", Revised, and further delineated in Annexure B1.

2. Attention is invited to the proposed division of Category I into "suitable" and "assigned" sections. Although such a division is not specifically discussed in Revised Appendix "B", the Committee feels that the designation of a "suitable" section falls within the intent of Appendix "B". While GCHQ proposed a slightly different method for handling Category I assignments, it is felt by the Committee that the U.S. method would have the advantage of providing a more flexible and rapid means of effecting assignments.

3. Accordingly, the Intelligence Committee recommends that:

a. The enclosure be approved.

b. The Director, NSA be designated the USCIB agent responsible for accomplishing the following with respect to categorization of COMINT:

(1) In close consultation with the member departments and agencies of USCIB, to prepare and maintain lists of material adjudged suitable by the U.S. for future assignment to Category II or Category I.

(2) With the concurrence of the member departments and agencies of USCIB, to prepare lists of COMINT to be assigned to the several categories and such sub-categories as may be established.

(3) To negotiate with the Director, GCHQ [redacted] on all categorization matters requiring US/UK [redacted] agreement.

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(4) To maintain in current status lists of COMINT assigned by the U.S., the U.K. [] to the various categories.

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(5) To communicate to the Director, GCHQ [] [] the assignments to the various categories as authorized by the U.S.

(6) To keep USCIB informed through the Executive Secretary of actions taken in the preparation of lists of "suitable" and "assigned" materials.

H. C. Simmons
H. C. SIMMONS
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chairman, INTCOM

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CATEGORIES OF COMINT

I. CATEGORY I

A. Assigned -

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B. Suitable for Assignment to Category I -

Other [redacted] intelligence as set forth in paragraph 2, Annexure B1, Revised Appendix "B".*

II. CATEGORY II

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A. Assigned -

- 1. All [redacted] except that specifically assigned to Categories I or III herein.
- 2. [redacted] listed in the attached Annex I.
- 3. [redacted]
- 4. [redacted]

* To avoid the necessity of extending further the distribution of the UKUSA Agreement, the member departments and agencies of USCIB will, where necessary, write into their implementing instructions these pertinent portions of Revised Appendix "B".

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B. Suitable for assignment to Category II -

[redacted] listed in the attached Annex II.

III. CATEGORY III

A. All [redacted] other than from those assigned to Category II or Category I.

B. [redacted] based in whole or in part on the analysis or use of identifications and other data derived from Category III COMINT.

C. COMINT based on traffic obtained from sources classified TOP SECRET.

D. [redacted] and is of such high intelligence value or sensitivity as to require assignment to this category. [redacted] of this sort shall be assigned to the sub-category for [redacted] [redacted] which is established under subparagraphs E2b and E2c below.

E. Sub-categories of Category III - EO 3.3(h)(2)
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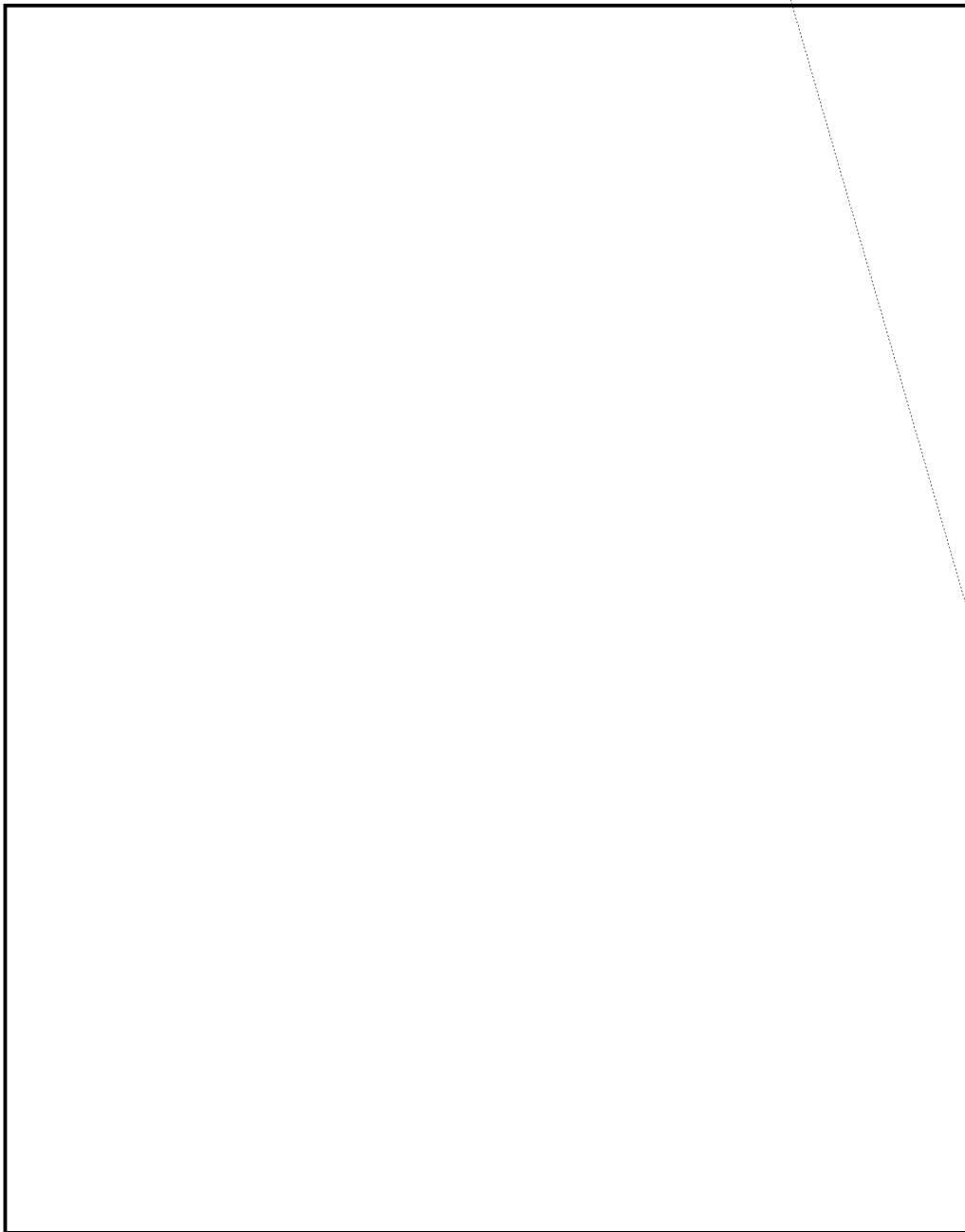
1. [redacted]

2. End product based on [redacted] as follows:

a. All messages passed on circuits controlled by the [redacted]

b. All messages of the [redacted]

c. All messages regardless of [redacted]

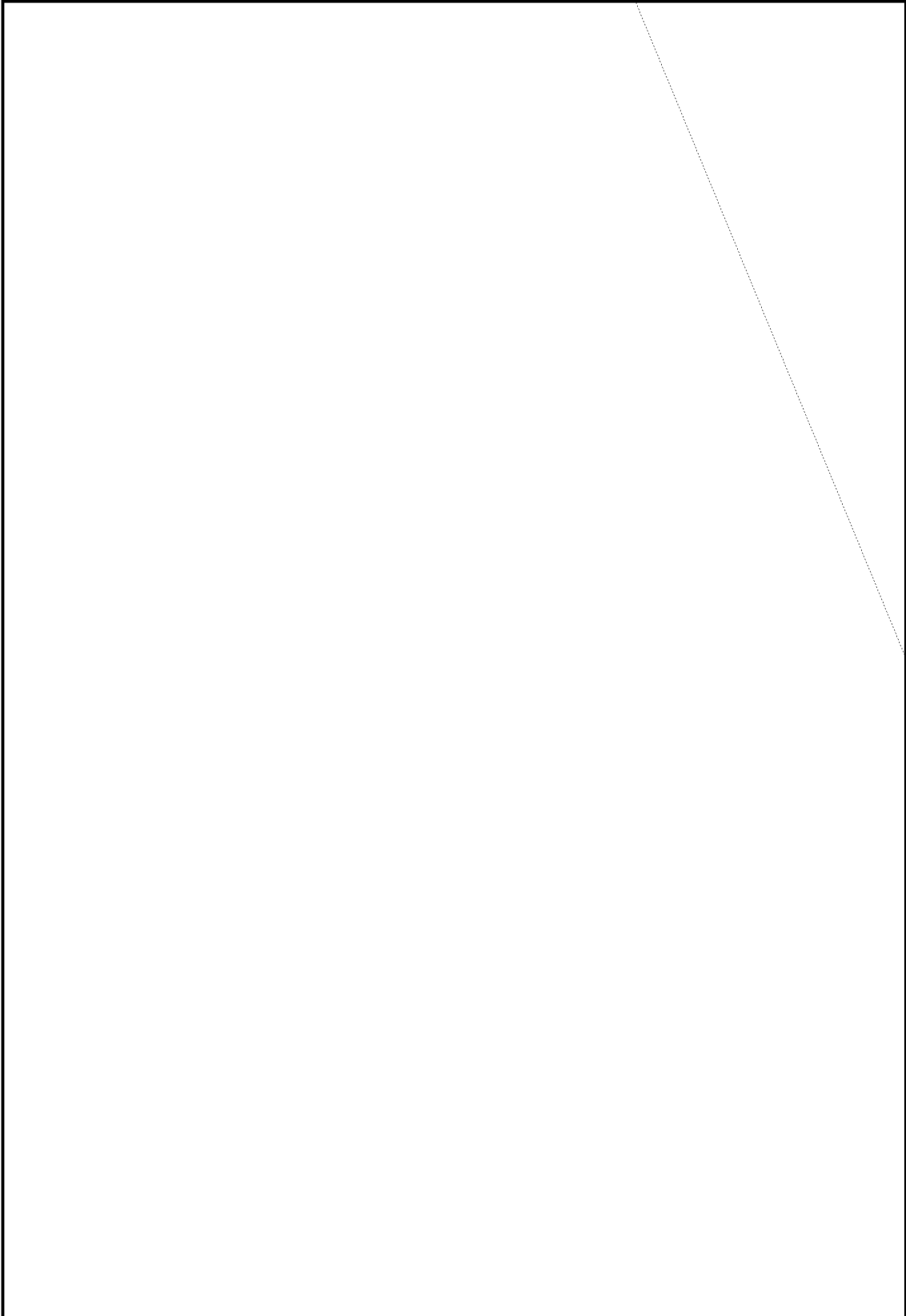


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