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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject:

Release of Unclassified COMINT Equipment to Friendly

Foreign Governments.

Reference:

- (a) USCIB 2/27, dated 7 April 1953, subject as above.
- (b) USCIB 2/29, Item 3 of the Agenda for the Eighty-Fourth Meeting of USCIB, held on 17 April 1953.
- (c) USCIB 2/31, dated 29 May 1953, Subject: Availability of Unclassified COMINT Equipment for Friendly Foreign Governments.

| 1. The Director, NSA, has informed this office that the | |
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| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, has forwarded | |
| to him an additional request for the release of unclassified | |
| Communications Intelligence equipment to the | |
| This request has a direct relation to the original | |
| request briefed in reference (a). A copy of the latest re- | |
| quest is attached as an enclosure. FO 3.3(h)(2) | |
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| 2. The Radio Intercept Central TC9, as requested in the | |
| enclosure, is an assemblage of radio receivers, antennas, voice and | |

- 2. The Radio Intercept Central TC9, as requested in the enclosure, is an assemblage of radio receivers, antennas, voice and tape recorders, and an intercommunication and monitoring system.

 According to the Director, NSA, the unit cost is estimated at approximately \$34,000. Therefore, the latest request for equipment would come to a total of \$68,000.
- 3. It is understood that all available TC9's (approximately 20) are presently being utilized in the field by the Army Security Agency. However, advance technical improvements have brought about the development of a replacement unit, the MX 683, which is now in production. The estimated time of delivery for the improved model is late this summer. Providing delivery is prompt, several TC9's, in excellent operating condition, would be released from the field and could be made available for use by the campaign.

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4. The Director, NSA, has recommended approval of the request providing arrangements can be made on a quid pro quo basis for the provision of

5. It is requested that your views on the above recommendation be recorded on the attached vote sheet which should be returned to this office by 15 July 1953. $_{\rm EO~3.3\,(h)~(2)}$

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Captain, U. S. Navy Executive Secretary, USCIB

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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25 May 1953

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| SUBJECT: | Release of Unclassified COMINT Equipment to the |
| TO: | Director National Security Agency Washington 25, D. C. EO 3.3(h)(2) |
| 1. | Reference is made to: |
| "Release | a. Memorandum for the Director, NSA, from G2, DA, subject: of Unclassified Communication Intelligence Equipment to Foreign Governments, 23 Jan 1953. |
| | b. USCIB 2/27, subject: "Release of Unclassified Communi- telligence Equipment to Friendly Foreign Governments," |
| | c. USCIB 2/29, Agenda Item 3, 84th Meeting of USCIB on 53, tentative minutes concerning USCIB 2/27. |
| Agreement 16 Apr 19 | d. Letter, Military Attache, subject: "Assistance No. DA 35 (INC) 101, Our Contract no. 1046/AM," 253 (copy attached). |
| in paragr USCIB 2/2 requested | Concerning the request for COMINT equipment discussed caph 2b of USCIB 2/27 (reference 1b above) and portions of 29 (reference 1c above), a check on the availability of the dequipment within Army supply channels was made on 8 May are reported availability is as follows: |
| | SCR-255 no stock SCR-206 4 at Baltimore Signal Depot (Unserviceable but repairable) |
| clude pro | orted shortage of equipment in supply channels would not pre- by vision of equipment to the however, supplying com- facilities at this time would require withdrawal of equipment |

from using units or provision from current procurement. Comparable equipment will probably not be available from current procurement for

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nine to twelve months.

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| occurred at the 84th meeting should be pointed out that the Military Defense Assistiate the necessity for expense of the state of the s | to the discussion of USCIB, as reprovision of equation tance Program, as penditure of U.S. equipment by the | n of this problem which eported in USCIB 2/29. It ipment to the through they requested, would ob-COMINT agency funds. How-U.S. might still be tied in |
| cussed above, the Department urgent request from them for erence ld above). The to release this equipment warded to at the of this equipment was also that no TC-9's are available. | nt of the Army is or two Radio Inte further reque be expedited in o e earliest possibl checked on 8 May le in Army supply it may be possibl | ercept Centrals, TC-9 (ref- est that necessary action order that it may be for- e date. The availability 1953 and it was ascertained |
| 5. It is recommended TC-9, be included with the in any further considerati | previous | equest for Intercept Centrals, request for D/F equipment |
| FOR THE ASSISTANT | CHIEF OF STAFF, | G-2: |

l Incl: a/s

/s/ Harry. R. Boyd HARRY R. BOYD Colonel, GS Acting Executive

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