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Additional Item (E) (Not on Agenda) for the 89th Meeting of USCIB, held on 14 August 1953.

Subject:

Publication in Press of Classified Communications Intelligence Information.

GENERAL SAMFORD said that he had noted the Executive Secretary's memorandum on this subject (USCIB 13/360), and, with reference to the several newspaper articles in question, said that he had been more concerned about the revelations by Joe Alsop than by the others. He expressed his opinion that certain of the information contained in Alsop's article could only have come from COMINT sources, and asked if any other members had comments on these disclosures.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR explained that information received so far with Higgins incident indicated that the information probably was obtained from the [redacted] and that preliminary examination of the Alsop article indicates that probably only one item - the [redacted] - came solely from COMINT. He added that the matter was still being pursued, and said that the applicability of Public Law 513 to cases of this kind was also being explored. In the ensuing discussion it was brought out that it would probably be undesirable to apply Public Law 513 in this instance. It was generally agreed that control of these leaks is a matter for administrative action within the member Departments and Agencies.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (General Cabell) suggested that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive Secretary, as Security Officer for the Board.

There followed a brief discussion on the newspaper articles in question, and possible means of insuring the cooperation of newspaper columnists in maintaining security in such matters.

The members approved the Acting Chairman's suggestion that the problem should be left with the Executive Secretary for recommendation as to further action.

The meeting adjourned at 1555.

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