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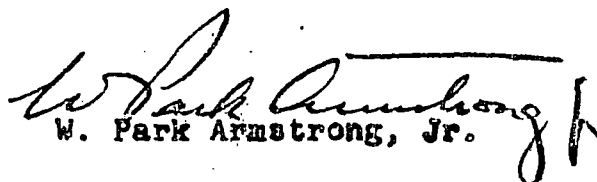
5 March 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USCIB

SUBJECT: Brownell Committee.

1. For the reasons outlined in my attached memorandum to Mr. Brownell, it appeared useful to prepare the attached paper setting forth the views of this Department with respect to certain phases of COMINT production.

2. The paper is forwarded to you for information and such other use as you deem appropriate. Copies also are being forwarded to all members of USCIB.


W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Enclosure:

Three copies of "Communications
Intelligence Rationale"

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BROWNELL, CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: Communications Intelligence Rationale.

1. On January 5th you gave me the opportunity to appear before your Committee of inquiry into COMINT affairs and to present a brief description of COMINT organization and mechanics within the Department of State.

2. In the course of that hearing members of your Committee indicated considerable interest in certain phases of COMINT production and specifically in the problem of the joint presentation of COMINT and intelligence from other sources.

3. On the basis of that observation, and because our COMINT organization has done considerable thinking on this subject, I thought it would be useful to present to your Committee -- and to other interested members of the COMINT complex -- a paper which would attempt to sum up the Department's views on this specific problem. The members of your working staff agreed with this idea in the course of informal discussions which we have had with them in past weeks.

4. The attached paper, which represents an effort to set forth our views and position, was made available informally to your staff and it is my intention to make it available as a matter of possible interest and discussion to the members of USCIB.

5. It is my hope that your Committee will find the time to examine this document and even that it might find it of some value in your deliberations. I would, of course, be pleased to answer any questions which your Committee may ask or to expand any portion of the paper as you desire.


W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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Eight copies of enclosure.