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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 13.5/83 Item 4 of the Agenda for the 106th Meeting of USCIB, held on 10 September 1954.

Subject: Report of Corrective Measures for Control of COMINT Compromises Due to Ineffective Communications Security (USCIB 13.5/81).

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (General Cabell) introduced the subject report for consideration and asked the Director, NSA if he wished to make an introductory comment.

GENERAL CANINE stated that he had only one explanatory comment regarding the report, namely, that the number of compromises involving ineffective communications security is largely due to inexperienced personnel.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN then suggested that the members thank the Director, NSA for this report and note its contents.

GENERAL TRUDEAU expressed his willingness to note the report, subject to amendment or interpretation of the clause in paragraph 8 on page 3 which reads, "...including disciplinary action when necessary." He stated that, to him, this wording recognizes authority on the part of the Director, NSA to administer disciplinary action to personnel not under his command - a concept not in keeping with established principle, and one to which he is unable to subscribe.

GENERAL CANINE stated that the understanding expressed by General Trudeau was in no way intended, pointing out that "such administrative control as he deems necessary" is not intended to be construed to include authority to impose disciplinary action, since such authority must be accompanied by court-martial jurisdiction which he does not have. Accordingly, he said, he did not consider the phrase in question susceptible to such an interpretation.

In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that the report be amended by insertion of a modifying phrase to clarify the meaning intended to be conveyed. General Canine replied to this suggestion by stating that he had submitted the report at the Board's request, and, while it is subject to any interpretation the members wish to place upon it, he would prefer not to amend it.

Further discussion resulted in agreement among the members that the report would be accepted; subject to an understanding on the part of all members that they do not approve an interpretation which implies disciplinary authority by the Director, NSA over elements not under his command.

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The Board agreed, further, to direct participating departments and agencies to cooperate in carrying out the program set forth in USCIB 13.5/81.

DECISION: (10 September 1954) USCIB accepted the report by the Director, NSA (as contained in USCIB 13.5/81), subject to an understanding that it does not imply disciplinary authority by the Director, NSA over elements not under his command. The Board agreed, further, to direct that member departments and agencies cooperate in carrying out the program set forth in the report.

This item to be dropped from the Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1650.

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