

USCIB: 13.5/52

7 April 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Possible Compromises of COMINT Information.

1. The enclosures are forwarded for information.
2. Difficulties inherent in the establishment of new procedures for reporting possible compromises of COMINT information resulting from transmission by electrical means have militated against immediate adherence to the provisions of CIBD #9. For this reason the enclosed reports and future reports of such compromises which occurred during the first quarter of 1954 will be submitted in accordance with USCIB 13/308 now rescinded.
3. It is anticipated that such compromises occurring after 31 March 1954 will be reported in full in accordance with CIBD #9.


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

Enclosures

1. NSA Serial 0059S of 23 Feb 1954.
2. NSA Serial 00080S of 1 Mar 1954.

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WHEN SEPARATED FROM THE ENCLOSURES.~~

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Washington 25, D. C.

Serial: 0059S
23 February 1954~~SECRET~~

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Possible Compromise of COMINT Information

1. On 2 September 1953, a cryptosecurity violation occurred at the 15th Radio Squadron Mobile, Ashiya Air Force Base, Japan. On that date, portions of four messages, classified CONFIDENTIAL, were enciphered in depth and transmitted over communication circuit composed of radio and wire links to the Director, National Security Agency. Since the relevant transmissions were not immune from interception, the information concerned must be considered compromised.

2. The four messages involved were Daily Coverage Reports which if intercepted, and the depths located, could result in the disclosure of much of the activities of this particular station as to their intercept coverage.

3. Appropriate instructions have been issued to prevent a recurrence of violations of this type.

4. The Director, GCHQ has been requested to inform the appropriate UK authorities.

5. The foregoing is submitted in accordance with the inclosure to USCIB: 13/308.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

(Signed)
GEO. E. CAMPBELL
Colonel AGC
Adjutant General

Enclosure 1 with USCIB 13.5/52 dtd 6 Apr 1954.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Washington 25, D. C.

Serial: 000805

1 March 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Possible Compromise of COMINT Information

1. On 20 November 1953, a communication security violation occurred at the 7th Weather Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. On that date, a portion of a message, classified TOP SECRET CODEWORD, was transmitted inadvertently in the clear over a circuit composed of a dual terminal cable, physically located within the limits of Elmendorf Air Force Base, to the Joint Communication Center at the same station. Since the relevant transmission was not immune from interception, the information concerned must be considered compromised.

2. While the violation is not indicative of COMINT success, association of the TOP SECRET CODEWORD used with Special Weather Intelligence is involved.

3. Appropriate instructions have been issued to prevent a recurrence of violations of this type.

4. The Director, GCHQ, has been requested to inform appropriate UK authorities.

5. The foregoing is submitted in accordance with USCIB Directive No. 9.

(Signed)

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Lt. Col., AGC
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Enclosure 2 with USCIB 13.5/52 dtd 6 Apr 1954.

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