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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 13.5/45 Item 1 Considered at the Twelfth Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 4 March 1954 (Item 3 of Agenda for Eleventh Meeting).

Subject: Security of COMINT Transmitted by Electrical Means.
(USCIB 13.5/36, /40)

THE CHAIRMAN introduced this item by stating that agreement had been reached upon a directive which provides that the Director, NSA, will prescribe minimum security standards. He suggested that the members consider USCIB 13.5/36 in light of the comments contained in USCIB 13.5/40, noting that State, Defense, and FBI have agreed to abide by the majority view.

CAPTAIN AGNEW pointed out that Board approval is required before action can be taken in this matter, expressing his opinion that some members have overlooked the point that the Director, NSA's paper was submitted merely as an initial step.

The specific recommendations contained in USCIB 13.5/40 were considered one by one, resulting in agreement upon the original paper (USCIB 13.5/36) with the following amendments:

- a. Par. 2, 3rd Sentence - Change initial phrase to read:
 "Departments and agencies are therefore urged to submit ... etc."
- b. Par. 3, 1st Sentence - Change final phrase to read:
 "so identified is indicative of the effort expended or the success achieved by COMINT producers."
- c. Par. 4, Last Sentence - Change final phrase to read:
 "by the Director, NSA, or by appeal to USCIB if necessary."
- d. Par. 7, 2nd Sentence - Change final phrase to read:
 "for non-COMINT information except in unusual conditions."
- e. Par. 7, Last Sentence - Change final phrase to read:
 "COMINT activity may be considered COMINT information."

DECISION: (4 March 1954) USCIBEC agreed to recommend USCIB approval of the proposal contained in the enclosure with USCIB 13.5/36, subject to the amendments indicated above.

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