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USCIB: 23/71      Item not on the Agenda for the Eighty-eighth Meeting of USCIB, held on 10 July 1953.

Subject:            Allied (NATO) Communications Security.

The CHAIRMAN noted that previous to the last meeting of USCIB he had mentioned to the President, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense the course of action proposed as set forth in USCIB 23/68. He said his meeting was brief and he was not sure that all of the members had digested that memorandum, and added that he thought it was important to find out.

MR. GODEL said that the Secretary of Defense is aware of the action and approves.

MR. ARMSTRONG said he had not spoken to the Secretary of State about it, but would do so. He added that the Under Secretary of State is familiar with the problem. He then inquired if the Board should not report to the NSC on the report of the conference and also the steps that had been set in motion as a result of it.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the Special Committee of the NSC was the proper body to report to.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR explained that paragraph 7 of USCIB 23/68 states that such a report will be made. He inquired if the Chairman intended that the Special Committee of NSC be notified prior to the determination of the precise steps to be taken in implementation of the report of the conference or after precise steps had been determined, he asked also if the Board would be satisfied with the State and Defense Members individually referring this to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

MR. ARMSTRONG said that on the latter point he thought not and on the former point he said he had not thought of going into extensive detail in a written report, rather just tell the Special Committee that the conference has been concluded, that the recommendations were adopted by the Board and that steps had been initiated to put this course of action into effect.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if there were any objections.

There were none.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR inquired if this must be done prior to informing the British of our approval of the report.

The CHAIRMAN replied in the negative and advised Captain Taylor to go ahead and added that the notice to the effect that the British had been informed could be one of the points to the Special Committee.

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