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USCIB: 29.19/16 Item 3 of the Agenda for the 22nd Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 2 December 1954.

Subject: COMINT Relations with [redacted]

THE CHAIRMAN introduced this item by referring back to the message from LSIB (enclosure with USCIB 29.19/7) which, in paragraph 3, suggested that the Directors, NSA and GCHQ "be asked to ... interpret the elementary aspects of COMINT ..." with regard to [redacted]. He expressed his hope that this meeting would agree upon a reply to LSIB on this point.

CAPTAIN AGNEW stated that he is prepared to table two drafts for consideration by the Committee; one, a draft memorandum for USCIB containing comments and recommendations on USCIB 29.19/1, and the other a draft reply to LSIB on the point mentioned by the Chairman.

In their consideration of the first of the above drafts the members were informed by the CIA member that there is now no pressing need for early action in the matter as far as negotiations by his Agency are concerned.

The discussion then turned to the question of the limits of training to be given the [redacted]. [redacted] commenting upon the indefiniteness of the phrase "elementary aspects of COMINT", asked if it would be possible to have Mr. [redacted] confer with NSA representatives in an effort to determine precisely what should constitute the elementary aspects of COMINT in this case.

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The members agreed that such a determination is necessary and upon further consideration of the problem were of the opinion that this point should be resolved before a decision upon other aspects is made. In view of [redacted] earlier indication that early action in this matter is not necessarily required, the members accordingly agreed to defer further action pending a report of the CIA-NSA discussions.

The subject of obtaining authorization to conduct a site survey in [redacted] and the associated problem of obtaining base rights there if the site survey indicates such are desirable, were considered briefly by the members who were in agreement that action toward these objectives should proceed without regard for deferment of decision on the aspects discussed earlier.

There followed a general discussion on the extent to which the U.S. should be willing to go in providing the assistance requested by [redacted]

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MR. PACKARD, commenting upon the fact that the bond between [] and [] is becoming increasingly stronger, suggested that the extent of our dealings with [] be considered in light of our relations with []. He further suggested consideration of a rule of thumb, by which we would insure that [] not be given more in the way of assistance than we plan, ultimately, to provide to the []. He said that he considered it entirely possible that knowledge of our help to either of these countries will soon become known to the other.

The members agreed.

The members then proceeded to consider the second draft tabled by Captain Agnew, which consisted of a proposed reply to LSIB. Minor changes in wording were agreed upon, resulting in a recommendation that the following reply be submitted to USCIB for approval:

"USCIB agrees with LSIB that in the matter of an approach for UKUSA intercept bases in [] there should be maximum coordination between U.S. and U.K. and that full details of each party's intentions and progress should be exchanged at all stages via normal channels. Meanwhile, USCIB has approved negotiations for site survey to be followed by negotiations for base rights. As you have suggested, Director, NSA, will reach agreement with Director, GCHQ, on definition of common UKUSA standard of guidance and release of information. Directors, NSA and GCHQ further will agree on interpretation of elementary aspects of []." *

*(Note: Above message was subsequently amended with telephonic approval of USCIB members. The amended version, as transmitted to LSIB on 17 December 1954, is contained as an enclosure with USCIB 29.19/15.)

DECISION: (2 December 1954) USCIBEC agreed to recommend the following as a result of consideration of this subject:

1. That a decision on proceeding along the lines indicated in USCIB 29.19/1, as modified, be deferred until members representing NSA and CIA can confer and agree upon limits of [].
2. That action proceed forthwith to obtain authority for a site survey in [] and, subsequently, to obtain base rights there.
3. That the overall extent of assistance to be provided [] not exceed that already given, and envisioned, [].
4. That LSIB be informed of USCIB's views as expressed in the message quoted in the foregoing discussion.

This item to remain on the agenda.

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