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MINUTES OF MEETING OF USCIB AD HOC COMMITTEE
ON THE SECURITY OF [] COMMUNICATIONSEO 3.3(h)(2)
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1. A meeting of the USCIB Ad Hoc Committee on the Security of [] Communications was held at 1400 hours, 30 January 1952, at the Naval Security Station. Members of the Committee present were:

Mr. William F. Friedman, Chairman, AFSA
Col. Gordon E. Dawson, USA, ID
CDR Mark Little, USN, NATO
Mr. Robert F. Packard, State Department
[] CIA (representing Mr. Winston Scott)

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Also present:

Mr. Frank B. Austin, AFSA-41
Mr. Sydney Jaffee, AFSA-23

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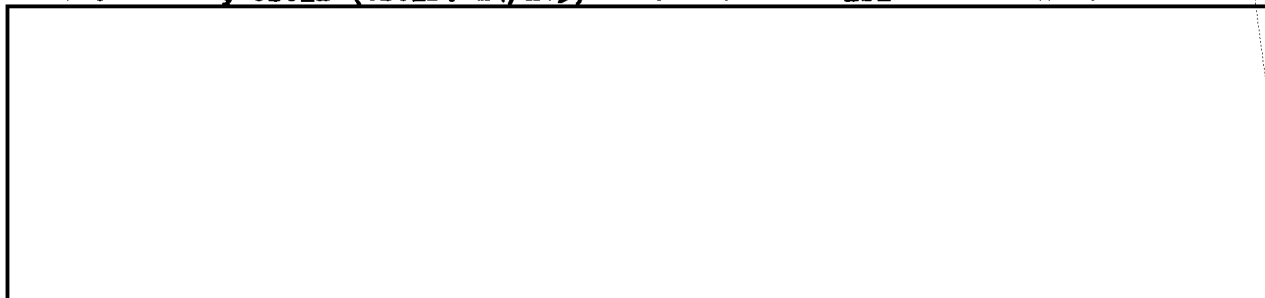
Capt. Mary C. Lane, WAC, AFSA

2. Statement of Problem: The status of the Report of the US/UK Conference on the Security of [] Communications (USCIB: 14/132) was reviewed by Mr. Friedman, viz.:

a. The report had been approved by USCIB on 27 May 1951; had been sent by the Chairman, USCIB to the National Security Council on 8 June 1951; and had been approved by the President on 11 January 1952.

b. LSIB had approved the report on 7 June 1951 and had decided that it did not require the approval of any higher authority.

A communication dated 10 December 1951 from the Chairman, LSIB, to the Chairman, USCIB (USCIB: 14/185) announced that LSIB had examined the

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3. Comments by Chairman: Mr. Friedman noted that, although one of the

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further delay.

Mr. Friedman then read the letter which had been sent on 24 January 1952 by the Chairman, USCIB, in reply to the Chairman, LSIB, (USCIB: 14/196) the main points of which were:

a. At the US/UK Conference, improvement in the general security of

[redacted]

[redacted]

examination of present security conditions and a catalog of standards and procedures which, if approved and implemented, might produce the necessary improvement in general [redacted] security.

[redacted]

definite, implementing action on the basis of its approval.

d. Following these developments, USCIB would, as previously agreed, be prepared to discuss the means for [redacted] along the general lines recommended in the letter from LSIB.

Mr. Friedman then asked the members of the Committee for their comments or suggestions on this matter.

4. Comments of Members: Col. Dawson remarked that it was his under-

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Mr. Packard noted that at present the US felt less urgency in this matter than at the time of the US/UK Conference in May 1951, since approved

channels. Delay in the matter was therefore strongly advisable.

Mr. Austin remarked that from a cryptographic point of view also, further delay appeared advisable. Because of recent findings in regard to

changes, etc., all of which might be avoided by a period of delay.

in London.

The Committee accepted Mr. Packard's recommendation and the Chairman stated that such a resolution would be drafted by him for approval of the members of the Committee. If possible, the recommendation would be presented at the next USCIB meeting, February 8.

5. Communication Security: Mr. Friedman asked Mr. Packard for the latest information regarding the question of communication security. Mr. Packard reported that Ambassador had approached the Premier, on 21 December 1951 and had left with him an

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aide-memoire and alleged extract of the report of insecurity. Although the Ambassador had expressed himself as sanguine in regard to the impression he had made upon the Premier, and although [redacted] had said that some rumor of insecurity had reached him previously, there had been no reply from the [redacted] Premier in the 40 days which had elapsed since the Ambassador's approach.

Mr. Packard felt some concern lest Ambassador [redacted] who had recently been [redacted] would leave his post in [redacted] before instructions could be sent him advising him not to leave this matter in the hands of a Chargé d' Affaires and not to have Premier [redacted] send his reply to a Chargé d' Affaires but to wait for the new Ambassador. Because of the pressure of other matters, Mr. Packard had not been able to approach his chief in this regard. He hoped to do so in a few days.



Mr. Friedman also read from the comments on the above message, prepared by the Special Research Branch, ID. These comments noted that there had been considerable co-operation between the military intelligence repre-



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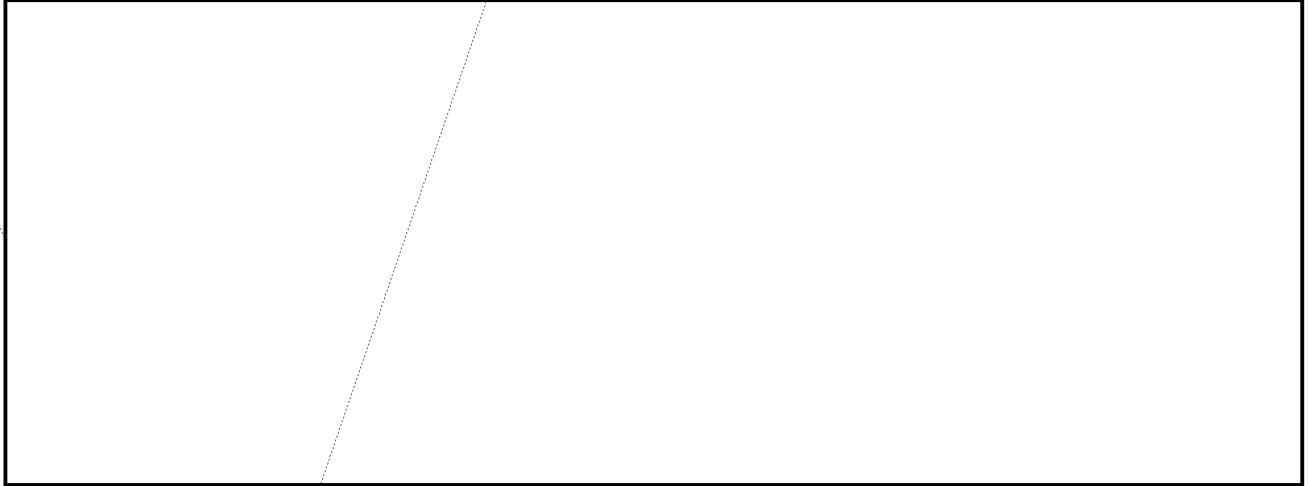
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Mr. Friedman asked whether the members had any comments or further



8. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman with the statement that, although no report from this Committee was among the items for the forthcoming meeting of USCIB, he would attempt to prepare before that meeting a draft of the recommendation regarding the problem of communication security, as outlined by Mr. Packard.

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