

UK-US CONFERENCE ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY OF
NATO COUNTRIES
Minutes of Fifth and Final Meeting of the Conference
held at 1500, 12 June 1953

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Present

Chairman: Mr. William F. Friedman

U.K. Delegates

U.S. Delegates

Mr. [redacted]
Brig. John H. Tiltman
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted] (Secretary)
Mr. [redacted] (Observer)

Mr. Victor P. Key
Mr. Frank B. Rowlett
Mr. Robert F. Packard
Capt. Gifford Grange, USN
Col. M. L. Sherburn, USA
Lt. Col. John M. Anderson, USAF

Lt. K. B. Monypeny, Jr., USN (Secretary)

U.S. Observers:

Cdr. W. L. Thomas
Dr. H. J. Stukey
Dr. R. H. Shaw
Mr. F. C. Austin
Mr. F. A. Raven

1. The minutes of the second and fourth meetings were considered and approved. The minutes of the third meeting were considered and the Secretary was directed to make minor nonsubstantive changes in the remarks by Mr. Packard, contained in paragraph 5, page 2.

2. The Chairman then placed before the delegates a second draft of the Final Report of the Conference. This report was considered, paragraph by paragraph, and the Secretary directed to make various revisions agreed by both the UK and the US. Practically all these revisions represented nonsubstantive changes and the Final Report was then agreed.

3. With regard to paragraph 10d, Mr. [redacted] stated that he felt the greatest single danger necessary

[redacted] at any point UK/US advice to NATO countries might lead to important improvement in Mr. Hagelin's machines and that the improvement would therefore be made available to non-NATO nations. He used as an example one of the new Hagelin projects utilizing wired rotors, a machine which is still in the development stage, and which, according to Hagelin, could incorporate any specific rotor maze desired by the customer. Mr. [redacted] added that it was most important that should a machine embodying a good rotor maze be constructed in Switzerland or Sweden, specifications therefor should be strictly reserved for NATO countries. If the UK/US gave advice on rotors to NATO countries and they in turn went to Hagelin with specifications, he might be the first to apply them commercially.

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4. Mr. [] then suggested, and it was agreed, that in forwarding the report to the respective COMINT Boards the accompanying letter include, in addition to any comments or notes that may be germane, an assurance that the report and its conclusions and recommendations are in no wise to be considered to cast any reflections upon Canadian COMSEC, or to affect the Canadians, and that the report with the covering letter should be passed to cognizant Canadian authorities. He added that since he, as head of the UK Delegation, was leaving tomorrow, Brig. Tiltman would sign the Final Report and the covering letter on behalf of the UK Delegation.

5. In his closing remarks the Chairman expressed the sincere regrets of both Lt. General Canine and RADM. Wenger at being unable to attend the final meeting. He continued by saying that he was rather apprehensive of what was going to happen to his British friends when they arrived home, because in our country when a workman proves too ambitious and does much more than is required in a given period, sometimes his fellow workers call him down. He said that the results of six days' labour by the British team was so outstanding that when they arrived home some of their associates might say that they had set a bad example for future British teams. He explained that he meant to imply that the conference had made very rapid progress in a very short time. He stated that not only the members of the UK team, but also those from the British Embassy who were called in to consult had contributed to this progress. He extended particular thanks to the UK Delegation for coming to sit and discuss these very important matters with the US team; and, in seeing them off, he wished them a safe journey home and God-speed.

6. In reply, Mr. [] proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Conference for all the help and guidance through the past days of work. He expressed, on behalf of the British delegation first, his thanks to the Chairman, and, secondly, to all the members and advisors of the US team his gratitude for the patience and helpful way in which they had aided in the work. He also expressed his gratitude to General Canine for all his kindness in the arrangements which had been made for the comfort and convenience of the conference, which, he said, could not have been better. And finally, he expressed his appreciation for the flattering terms in which the Chairman had described the British efforts.

7. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretariat for facilitating the work of the conference, for their speed with which the records were published and for their attention and attendance during the long hours of the conference. This was made unanimous.

8. The Chairman then thanked the members of the US team for their valuable assistance to him; [] wished then to state in the presence of all the Conferees his thanks to the members of the UK team for their help to him.

9. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1730.

/s/ K. B. Monypeny, Jr.
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