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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 29.19/11 Item 1 of the Agenda for the 21st Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 22 October 1954.

Subject: COMINT Relations with [] (USCIB 29.19/3; USCIB 29.19/7).

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THE CHAIRMAN recalled that this problem was considered by USCIBEC on 15 September 1954, as a result of which USCIBEC recommended, and USCIB agreed, that LSIB approval should be sought before proceeding further. He went on to state that LSIB's reply, contained in USCIB 29.19/7 raises certain questions concerning the establishment and conduct of arrangements with [] which have not been previously considered by the Committee. He invited comments.

[] stated that while his Agency still feels the matter requires urgent consideration, the language of the British reply makes it fairly obvious that members representing State, NSA, and CIA should sit down together and give the problem further consideration.

[] pointed out that the British, for example, say that they also have been approached by the [], and that this and other ramifications of the whole problem make the action suggested by Mr. [] highly desirable.

In reply to the Chairman's query, [] agreed to withdraw his original paper on this subject with the understanding that it will be resubmitted when the matter has been given further study.

MR. POLYZOIDES asked if this action means that we will go ahead with existing plans while the further study is being made, or hold in abeyance other actions pending completion of the study.

It was the consensus that the latter procedure should be followed.

MR. BUFFHAM stated that NSA had initiated action for a site survey in [] prior to submission of the CIA proposal, and that it would be preferable not to delay NSA action indefinitely.

THE CHAIRMAN stated his opinion that the CIA reappraisal should not militate against the site survey, and vice versa.

MR. GODEL suggested that action on the site survey be deferred until a decision can be made on the reappraisal, indicating that it might

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possibly be agreed to let the British go ahead in arrangements with

There were no objections.

With regard to the procedure for reappraisal, it was agreed that the CIA member would coordinate the matter with State, NSA, and the Air Force in any manner he sees fit, and endeavor to have a report ready for the next meeting.

DECISION: (22 October 1954) Upon withdrawal from consideration of USCIB 29.19/1 by the CIA member, USCIBEC agreed to recommend to USCIB that the proposal be reappraised by the CIA, NSA, State, and Air Force members in light of LSIB comments with a view to resubmission for USCIBEC consideration at the next meeting.

It was agreed, further, that pending a decision on the reappraisal action on the entire [redacted] problem, including NSA action regarding a site survey, would be held in abeyance.*

This item to be continued on the agenda.

* (Note: Upon request by the NSA member, this portion of the decision was reconsidered by USCIB members, who agreed that plans for the projected site survey may proceed. (See USCIB 29.19/10.))

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