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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE: U.S. COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE BOARD
U.S. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD

Subject: Procedures for Dealing with Requests from Foreign Governments for Communication Security Assistance

References: (a) USCIB 12./6 (COMSEC 2-/8) of 17 September 1954
(b) USCIB 12./4 (COMSEC 2-/6) of 20 August 1954

1. Further to the decision recorded in reference (a) and in the absence of the regularly elected Chairman of USCSB, the draft memorandum for the Chairman, S-D MICC included with reference (b) was modified to accommodate signature by the Executive Secretary for the Chairman, USCSB and sent on 17 September 1954. A copy of that memorandum is enclosed herewith for information and file.

2. It is understood from the S-D MICC Secretariat that this matter is still under consideration in S-D MICC.

3. In order to assist in clarifying the intentions of USCSB I furnished to Mr. Robert N. Margrave, Deputy Chairman S-D MICC, a copy of reference (a) and called upon him to discuss the matter informally.

4. Mr. Margrave expressed the opinion that, aside from jurisdictional aspects, it would be beneficial to all concerned to continue to include S-D MICC in actions involving decisions to release classified COMSEC information to foreign countries. He pointed out on one hand that S-D MICC is likely to be in a position to supply useful information perhaps not otherwise known to USCIB and USCSB on the entire security of the foreign country involved and on the other hand that S-D MICC must take into account the effect of any release agreed upon by USCSB and USCIB on the entire national disclosure policy. Mr. Margrave is of the opinion, and I agree with him, that S-D MICC can be included in deliberations involving release of classified COMSEC information without unduly delaying such decisions and without violating any requirement for the segregation of COMSEC or COMINT information from other classified information.

5. It is suggested therefore that I be authorized to negotiate with the Deputy Chairman, S-D MICC a mutually acceptable modification to the enclosure with reference (a) and submit the result to USCSB/USCIB for vote sheet approval. It is believed that such action may result in avoiding

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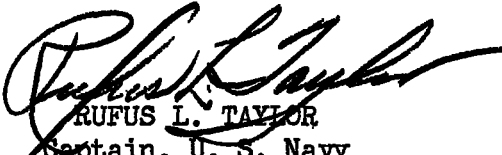
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the necessity for more formal action and its attendant paper work by both S-D MICC and USCSB/USCIB without detriment to the main objective. In short, it appears to me that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be achieved by a few simple procedural changes.

6. If there is no objection to the suggestion set forth in paragraph 5 above by the close of business, Monday, 1 November 1954, I will consider myself authorized to proceed as indicated.


RUFUS L. TAYLOR
Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB/USCSB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, STATE-DEFENSE MILITARY INFORMATION CONTROL COMMITTEE:

Subject: Responsibility for Policies on Disclosures of Communications Security Information to Foreign Governments

1. A National Security Council directive on communications security (COMSEC) dated October 20, 1953 (NSC 168) delegates responsibility for policies and procedures affecting the security of Federal telecommunications to the United States Communications Security Board (USCSB). This responsibility includes disclosures of COMSEC information to foreign governments.

2. In view of the National Security Council directive, the United States Communications Security Board requests that you take the necessary actions to remove the responsibility for disclosures of classified military communications security information to foreign governments from the terms of reference of S-D MICC.

3. It is recognized that decisions by the USCSB might have some bearing on disclosures of information which might be considered by S-D MICC. The Executive Secretary, USCSB, will supply S-D MICC an information copy of decisions of USCSB which approve disclosures of classified information to foreign governments.

4. It is suggested that details concerning the mechanics of this change of responsibilities and the exchange of the necessary information in connection with the change should be as agreed between the secretaries of the two bodies.

5. The USCSB would be grateful for information as to what action is taken by your Committee in regard to this request.

6. The USCSB Secretariat can be reached on EXecutive 3-6115 (dial code 143), extension 3065 and the address is as follows:

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FOR THE CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY BOARD

(SIGNED)
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