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SUBJECT NUMBER

USCIB: 9.2/22 Item 2 of the Agenda for the 22nd Meeting of USCIBEC, held on 2 December 1954.

Subject: COMINT Capability to Provide Early Warning of CHICOM Attack on Formosa and the Off-Shore Islands. (USCIB 9.2/16)

EO 3.3(h)(2)  
PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

THE CHAIRMAN [redacted], and said that it has already been scheduled for consideration at the next meeting of USCIB in light of such recommendations as might be agreed by the Executive Committee at this meeting. He noted that the principal question appears to be whether any further action on the part of USCIB or the Special Committee is considered necessary at this time to increase [redacted]

MR. POLYZOIDES said that he considers [redacted] interesting and illuminating, adding his belief that it contained nothing which indicated a need for reference to the Special Committee.

[redacted]

the case, perhaps a high-level approach should be considered in the interest of obtaining a solution to the CHICOM problem before hostilities became imminent with the change of weather conditions in the spring.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if Mr. Patton felt strongly enough on this point to insist upon a high-level approach at this time, pointing out that one [redacted]

MR. PATTON said that he would not insist upon a recommendation favoring an approach at this time; however, he expressed his belief that a high-level approach should be considered if, in a reasonable time, it [redacted]

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CAPTAIN McCORMICK said that in reading the paper he got the impression that it did not urge that any specific actions be taken. He expressed his opinion that the Board has a duty to inform the Special Committee of what is taking place and suggested that the information concerning [redacted] would be of considerable interest to them.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if Captain McCormick would be interested in having a report along these lines go forward to the Special Committee.

CAPTAIN McCORMICK replied in the affirmative.

COLONEL LEFFERS agreed. EO 3.3(h)(2) PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

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CAPTAIN AGNEW said that NSA feels the Special Committee should be advised, by memorandum similar to the one proposed. He went on to state that he had in hand an Aide Memoire on discussions between the Directors, NSA [redacted]

THE CHAIRMAN stated that there appears to be a fair body of opinion favoring notification to the Special Committee that USCIB has this problem in hand, with the understanding that if action by the Special Committee is subsequently desired it can then be asked for.

MR. POLYZOIDES said that he does not agree that this is the proper approach to the problem, and recommended that neither the proposed memorandum before the Committee, nor a revision of it, be sent to the Special Committee. [redacted]

THE CHAIRMAN asked, in view of Mr. Polyzoides' statement, if the Committee would be willing to keep the matter under advisement [redacted] with a view to reporting again to USCIB after the January meeting of USCIBEC, or earlier, if the receipt of additional information warrants such action.

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The members agreed.

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MR. POLYZOIDES raised the question of raids, and suggested that Mr. Armstrong's paper of 8 November (USCIB 9.2/9) outlines an orderly way of handling the matter, i.e., submission of the requirement to the appropriate military authority rather than to the Special Committee.

MR. PATTON

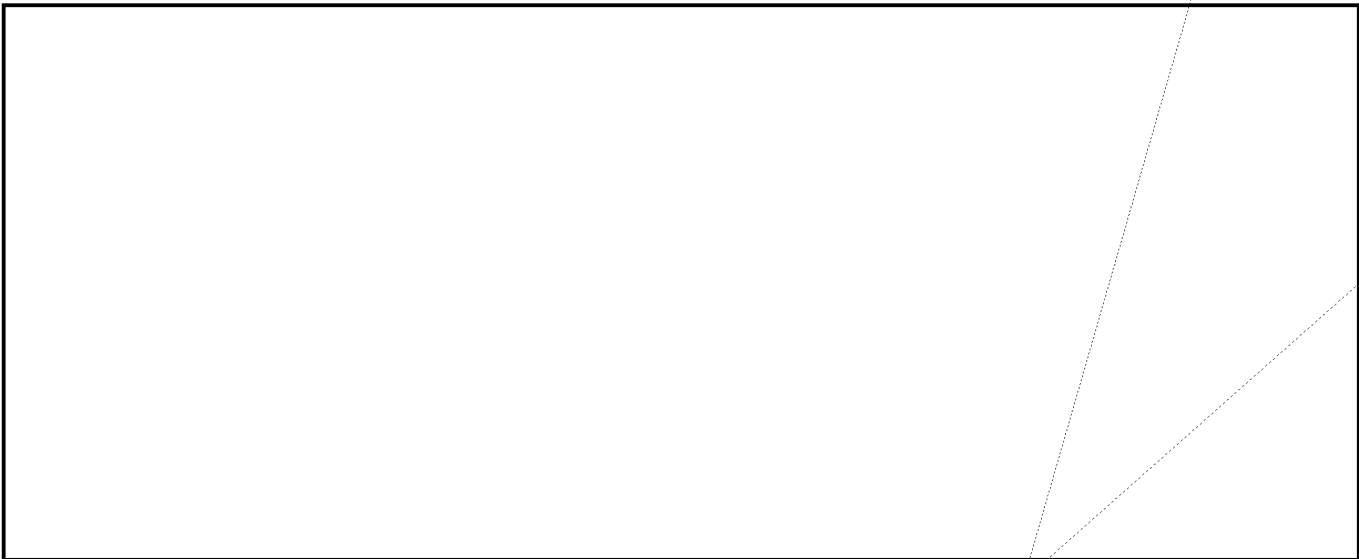


There followed a further discussion of the nature and content of the Committee's report to the Board, and interim action to be taken by individual member organizations. It was agreed that NSA will provide, at the earliest



then other action than that deemed appropriate by the Committee at this meeting will be considered. On the subject of base rights negotiations Mr. Polyzoides indicated that the next two or three weeks should reveal whether or not the proposal has a reasonable chance of success, and stated that a report on the progress of the negotiations would be prepared.

DECISION: (2 December 1954) USCIBEC concluded that it is not yet clear that action by the Special Committee of the NSC is necessary to obtain the desired results, nor are there sufficient facts at hand to provide the Special Committee with a basis for action. It was agreed, therefore, that the Chairman would prepare a report informing USCIB of the above conclusion and advise that USCIBEC recommends approval of it and the following courses of action:



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4. The State Department member will submit a status report on base rights negotiations for consideration at the same time

This item to remain on the agenda.

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