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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject: External Distribution of COMINT Documents Within the Washington Area.

- References:
- (a) USCIB 13.5/33 dated 21 January 1954.
 - (b) USCIB 13.5/41 dated 2 March 1954.
 - (c) USCIB 13.5/49 dated 12 March 1954.
 - (d) USCIB 13.5/59 dated 6 May 1954.

1. The enclosed study and recommendations by the Security Committee are circulated for information with a view to placing the subject on the USCIBEC agenda at a future meeting.

2. The original distribution reports, being too voluminous for practical reproduction, are on file in the office of the Executive Secretary available to any member wishing to examine them.



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VIA: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB.

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References: (a) USCIB 13.5/41 dated 2 March 1954.
(b) SEC # 0005 dated 8 June 1955.

1. USCIBEC, in reference (a), directed the Security Committee to study data regarding the nature and extent of external distribution of COMINT documents within the Washington area and to submit to them a report of the situation in the Washington area together with such recommendations as it may deem appropriate in the premises.

2. The data received from each USCIB member was summarized and distributed to SECCOM as reference (b). The Security Committee thoroughly studied this information at their Twenty-fourth Meeting on 28 June 1955.

3. The Committee agreed that, based on the data available, the distribution of COMINT documents within the Washington area appears to be excessive and therefore constitutes a serious security problem. It was agreed that a concerted effort should be made as soon as possible to reduce this extensive distribution, particularly in two areas:

a. The number of copies of COMINT items provided by the NSA National Center to authorized recipients in the Washington area, and

b. The number of items circulating as a result of re-publication and re-distribution of COMINT by and among the other USCIB member departments and agencies.

4. Recognizing that the problem is essentially to determine the "need" for each COMINT item being distributed and that, under current policy, each recipient of COMINT determines his own needs, SECCOM recommends that the following action be taken by USCIBEC:

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- a. That each USCIB member be requested to review his need for each COMINT document received from each other USCIB member and to reduce the number of copies received whenever practicable.
- b. That each USCIB member also be requested to review his further distribution of COMINT items received, and to effect such reductions in distribution as may be practicable.
- c. That each USCIB member be requested to submit a progress report to the Executive Secretary, USCIB within the next 60 days indicating both the specific reductions and net total effected.

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