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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Transmission of Category III COMINT over Territories of Third Parties to the UKUSA Agreement.

1. The enclosed request for USCIB approval of an exception to the provisions of paragraph 29, Appendix "B", UKUSA is forwarded at the request of the CIA Member.

2. With the concurrence of all members, this matter will be considered as an additional item at the forthcoming (112th) Meeting of USCIB.


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

Enclosure
CIA memo dtd 8 Feb. 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, USCIB

SUBJECT : Transmission of Category III COMINT over Territories
of Third Parties to the UKUSA Agreement.

1. The Central Intelligence Agency has a requirement to provide Category III COMINT service to General J. Lawton Collins, Personal Representative of the President in Saigon, Viet Nam, for a limited time.

2. Courier service will be provided by the Armed Services Security Courier Service (AFSCS), originating in the Pentagon and utilizing both Military Air Transport Service (MATS) and commercial air carrier, and will be via Washington, San Francisco, Honolulu, Midway, Manila to destination in Saigon.

3. Authorization for the use of this route for punching code-word material, an exception to paragraph 29, Appendix B, UKUSA, requires USCIB approval.

4. It is requested that approval of USCIB members be obtained by the most expeditious means possible.

(signed)

HUNTINGTON D. SHELDON
CIA Member, USCIB

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BACKGROUND

1. Paragraph 41 of UKUSA Appendix B provides that USCIB must approve a route involving the transport of unencrypted Category III COMINT over the territory of a third party.

CURRENT CONSIDERATION

2. USCIB 13.6/24 circulates a memorandum by the CIA member indicating that his agency has a requirement to provide Category III COMINT service to General J. Lawton Collins, in Saigon, Viet Nam. General Collins is Personal Representative of the President. This service is for a limited time.

3. In that the courier route will necessarily traverse third party territory, the approval of USCIB is requested. Courier service will be provided by ARFCOS and will utilize both MATS and commercial air carrier. The route will be Washington, San Francisco, Honolulu, Midway, Manila to destination in Saigon.

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that the NSA member approve this request.

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