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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject:

Program to Improve the Communications Security of

NATO Countries.

References:

(a) USCIB 29.1/1 dated 21 September 1953

(b) Enclosure 1 with USCIB 29.1/26 dated 28 June 1954

- 1. Attached is a memorandum from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Improvement of Allied (NATO) Communications Security recommending that USCIB (a) approve the release to the French, by the UK, of TYPEX-22 off-line cryptographic equipments for use in French "secondary" diplomatic posts, and (b) approve in principle the UK monitoring, for COMSEC purposes, of French communications at French request, subject to further USCIB consideration of such concrete proposals along these lines as are made by the British in the Combined Working Group.
- 2. The Senior UK Liaison Officer has expressed a desire to obtain USCIB's views for forwarding to LSIB as soon as convenient.
- 3. Members are requested to execute the attached vote sheet and return it to this office prior to 1700, 12 July 1954.

Captain, D. S. Navy

Enclosure a/s

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USCIB

Subject: Program to Improve the Communications Security of NATO

Countries.

Reference: USCIB 29.1/1 of 21 September 1953

Enclosure 1 of USCIB 29.1/26 of 28 June 1954

1. The referenced report notes, among other things, that during the tripartite technical talks ending on 1 May, the UK representatives indicated willingness to attempt to help the French in solving the French cipher machine problem. It was reported at that time that the French showed little more than polite interest in the British offer. 2. On 18 June, however, SUKLO, passed to the Chairman of the Combined Working Group (CWG) the information that M. Joseph Viala-head of the department of "Transmission of Chiffres" in the French Foreign Ministry and a French representative at the technical talks—had called on in London on 14 June. had been one of the UK representatives at the technical talks in Paris. 3. On 18 June also made available to the CWG a report of the discussion between Viala and According to that report, Viala indicated his interest in the supplying of cipher machines for the French Foreign Ministry and mentioned that he had been informed recently by US authorities that the prospects for obtaining more ASAM 2-1's were not very promising. Viala went on to say that on-line machines were needed for the principal French diplomatic posts, but that · off-line machines would be satisfactory for the secondary posts and that pencil and paper methods would suffice for the remaining posts. then, in effect, repeated his Paris statement that the UK has an off-line machine which is a non-Simplex version of TYPEX (TYPEX Mark 22). ____added that this machine was adequately secure and might be suitable to French methods; and that, although he could not at that moment commit his government, he might be able to arrange the sale of fifty to one hundred of these machines to the French Government. According to the report presented to the CWG by and Viala also discussed the subject of monitoring, which

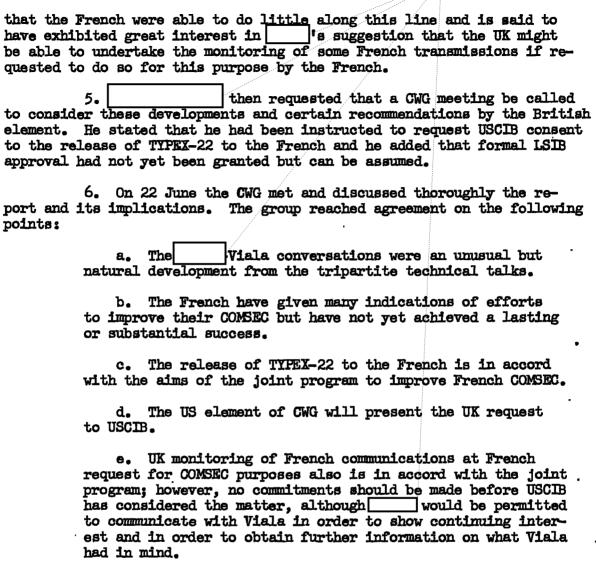
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had been emphasized in the tripartite technical talks as a requisite to the enforcement of COMSEC discipline. Viala apparently indicated

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7. With reference to the foregoing, the USCIB Ad Hoc Committee recommends that: (a) USCIB approve the release of TYPEX-22 to the French; and (b) USCIB approve in principle the UK monitoring of French communications at French request for COMSEC purposes subject to further USCIB consideration of such concrete proposals along these lines as are made by the British in the CWG.

(Signed)
T. Achilles Polyzoides
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee