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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

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Procedure for Handling Intercept Base Rights Problems.

References:

- (a) USCIB 29./2 dated 21 September 1954.
- (b) USCIB 29./4 dated 5 October 1954.
- (c) USCIB 29./5 dated 18 October 1954.
- 1. In connection with the references, which are scheduled for consideration at the 21st Meeting of USCIBEC, the Defense member proposes the following:
- A. That there be established an Ad Hoc Committee of USCIBEC, consisting of one representative from each the Department of State, the National Security Agency, and the U.S. Air Force to (1) examine existing base rights procedures, (2) recommend any modifications of existing procedures considered desirable, and (3) advise whether the creation of a Standing Committee of USCIBEC is considered desirable, and, if so, recommend its composition.
- B. The Ad Hoc Committee, if established, should take the following factors into account:
- (1) USCIB, as the National Policy Board for COMINT is concerned only with:
 - (a) Initial decisions to attempt to obtain base rights where conflicting considerations must be weighed, such as international politics, urgency of COMINT collection need, existing Third Party collaboration, etc.;
 - (b) The establishment of approved quid pro quo standards prior to the initiation of final negotiations; and
 - (c) General information on the progress of efforts to obtain base rights approved by the Board.
- (2) Each Board member should be kept fully informed of all aspects of base rights efforts with which he is specifically concerned.

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(3) Any member may refer a base rights matter to the Board for consideration as a matter of National policy.

- (4) The Director, NSA, is responsible for establishing the initial requirement for a COMINT base in consultation with the Department of State and the Board member (or members) responsible for operation of the completed installation.
- (5) The Secretary of Defense, as the executive agent of the Government for COMINT production is responsible for review or approval of the initial requirements and for assuring the inclusion of COMINT requirements in the summaries prepared by JCS when a defense installation is involved.

Executive Secretary, USCIB