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~~CONFIDENTIAL - U.S. EYES ONLY~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Review of USCIB Directives.


1. The enclosed report of the Chairman, USCIB Security Committee is circulated for approval or comment upon which to base further action.

2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the enclosure. Soon after USCIB Directive #4 was promulgated a survey of the degree of compliance with it was made. The survey recognized that it amounts "in effect, to no more than a re-emphasizing of the principle (of the 'need to know') and an explicit mention of compartmentation as a means of implementing it". At the same time it was noted that "the several USCIB elements conform generally to the provisions of Directive #4". (See USCIB 13/61 of 6 April 1949 approved at 39th USCIB on 8 April 1949.) It was also recognized that periodic surveys of the degree of compliance with USCIB Directive #4 would be desirable. Since the idea of compartmentation was first introduced as a means of preventing jeopardy of one COMINT source through unnecessary association with another one, the idea of categorization has similarly been introduced to reduce a creeping danger to high-grade material through application to it of exceptions intended to permit wider use of less sensitive material. The two ideas go hand in hand but unless kept in tune with the times may create undesirable anachronisms. Such a situation may now be developing. While it appears that both compartmentation and categorization as presently agreed would be widely applicable and quite helpful under the circumstances that would be likely to obtain in war (and should therefore be maintained in readiness for such application), their rigid application under present circumstances may be impracticable to varying degrees. For these reasons members are requested to again submit statements as to the extent to which they are conforming and feel they can conform to the requirements of USCIB Directive #4, bearing in mind the effect that categorization of COMINT may have on its application. It is further requested that these statements be forwarded in time to reach this office by 28 August 1954.

3. In addition, it is requested that vote sheet replies on the recommendations contained in the enclosure hereto be returned at the same time the above-mentioned statements are forwarded.

4. THIS DOCUMENT AND ITS ENCLOSURE CONTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND SHALL BE HANDLED ONLY IN CHANNELS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR COMINT.

Enclosure
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

Subject: Review of USCIB Directives

1. At the request of its Chairman, the Security Committee, at its Fifteenth Meeting on 17 June 1954, reviewed CIBD #4 (Revised), 25 October 1950, "Instructions for the Compartmentation of COMINT Information", CIBD #6 (Revised), 18 April 1952, "Instructions for the Protection of COMINT Codewords", and CIBD #8, 11 August 1950, "USCIB Policy on Access to COMINT Files by Official Historians", for the purpose of determining whether those directives were in need of revision in order to comply with the new Appendix "B".

2. The SECCOM unanimously agreed to recommend that no substantive revisions to CIBD #4, CIBD #6 or CIBD #8 are necessary at this time in order to insure compliance with the provisions of the new Appendix "B".

3. The SECCOM, however, noted a report from the NSA Member regarding the impracticality of the requirement, as stated in CIBD #4, paragraph 2(b), that "Reports of progress in each general field of COMINT effort shall be separate from similar reports covering other fields and each shall be given separate distribution ...". The SECCOM agreed to recommend revision of that statement at the time of codification of all USCIB policy statements and directives, to the effect that such action should be taken insofar as practicable.

4. The recommendations by the Security Committee outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are submitted to the Executive Secretary for such action as he deems desirable.

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(SIGNED)

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Chairman, SECCOM

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