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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIBEC:

Subject:

Assignment of the Executive Secretary, USCIB, to the

Office of the Executive Secretary, National Security

Council.

Reference:

Paragraph 2 of USCIB Directive No. 3.

- l. The Executive Secretary, National Security Council, has informed the Executive Secretary, USCIB, that the assignment of the latter to the office of the former would not conform to usual practice in the case of NSC boards and committees. The usual practice in such cases is to assign permanent staff personnel to one of the departments or agencies participating in the business of the board or committee concerned.
- 2. The Executive Secretary, NSC, expressed the opinion that a similar procedure would appear to be desirable in this case and suggested that the Office of the Secretary of Defense might be appropriate, inasmuch as the Department of Defense is the executive agent for the production of COMINT information. He added, however, that if USCIB has compelling reasons for assigning its Executive Secretary to the office of the Executive Secretary, NSC, he will see what can be done to comply with USCIB's wishes. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, USCIB, agreed to bring the matter up for reconsideration by USCIB.
- 3. The Executive Secretary, USCIB, is presently being carried on the rolls of the Directorate of the National Security Agency for administrative purposes. While the incumbent is experiencing no difficulty in the present arrangement, he is of the opinion that assignment to the Office of the Secretary of Defense would provide a tidier arrangement if sufficiently compelling reasons for assignment to the Office of the Executive Secretary, NSC, do not exist. The present arrangements for assignment of the staff of the Executive Secretary, USCIB, appear to be quite satisfactory thus far.

4. Consideration of this item at the next regular meeting of USCIBEC is requested.

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