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~~TOP SECRET~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Reorganization of Canadian COMINT Policy Control Structure.

Reference: USCIB 3/87 dated 22 April 1952.


1. The enclosed messages between SUSLO, Ottawa and the Executive Secretary, USCIB are circulated for information.

2. Members will recall that, as described in the reference, the Communications Research Committee (CRC) was the Canadian COMINT policy body established to advise the so-called Senior Committee on communications intelligence matters and to give general direction to the operations of the Canadian governmental COMINT agency known as CB (Communications Branch). CRC has been equated approximately with USCIB while CB equates with NSA. The ultimate Canadian national authority for maintaining policy control over all aspects of communications intelligence has been the above mentioned Senior Committee chaired by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs and otherwise composed of the Chiefs of the Armed Services and sub-cabinet level representatives of other interested departments and councils. The Chairman, CRC served as Secretary to the Senior Committee. Thus in the former organization, and although roughly equated with USCIB, CRC actually had in many respects functions similar to those of the USCIB Executive Committee although the level of representation was one step higher. Nevertheless, the more important functions of USCIB seem to have more nearly equated with those of the Senior Committee.

3. The reorganization mentioned in the enclosed SUSLO message would appear to have the effect of replacing the Senior Committee with the new "Communication Security Board" whose functions may be expected to correspond closely to those of USCIB whilst the former CRC falls in line with the USCIB Executive Committee and Mr. [] operates in some respects in the same capacity as USCIB's Executive Secretary although at a considerably higher level and with greater authority than the latter. In sum, the new Canadian organization appears to be markedly similar in concept to the present USCIB structure although its subordinate elements would appear to include broader responsibility and authority than its USCIB counterparts.

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

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Enclosures

1. OW-090
2. WO-098

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TO DIRNSA

OW-090. PASS TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB. INFO DIRNSA.

FOR YOUR INFO TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMUNICATION SECURITY BOARD,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION SECURITY AND SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES HAVE
BEEN APPROVED. COPIES OF THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE BEING FORWARDED
BY MAIL. MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE:

1. MR. [] CHAIRMAN OF CRC IS DESIGNATED AS "DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATION SECURITY" AND IS SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNICATION SECURITY
BOARD.
2. CRC HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON INTERNAL COMINT
MATTERS.
3. AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION SECURITY, MR [] IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE INITIATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL POLICY MATTERS ON COMINT AND
ELINT AND HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAY TO DAY BUSINESS ON THESE
SUBJECTS AS IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COMMUNICATION SECURITY BOARD WILL
MEET ONLY A COUPLE OF TIMES A YEAR.
4. SUSLO, OTTAWA SHOULD NOW BE ACCREDITED TO COMMUNICATION SECURITY
BOARD. CONTACTS WILL BE WITH DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION SECURITY.
IN FUTURE TERM "CHAIRMAN, CRC" AS USED IN USCIB CORRESPONDENCE WILL NOT
BE EMPLOYED, BUT RATHER "DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION SECURITY".
THE POSITION FORMERLY TITLED "SECRETARY CRC" NOW WITHOUT A NAME PENDING
SELECTION OF AN APPROPRIATE TITLE.

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FROM: EXEC. SECY. USCIB - CAPTAIN RUFUS L. TAYLOR, USN
TO : SUSLO, OTTAWA (CRYPTO NSA PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO SUSLO, OTTAWA)
INFO: DIRNSA

WO-098 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY USCIB SENDS. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OW 090.
FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM APPROPRIATE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES TO USCIB WOULD
BE DESIRABLE. ASSUME SUCH ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

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