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8 February 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: Compromise of COMINT Codeword.
Reference: CIBD #9 (Revised) dated 4 February 1954.

The enclosed report of compromise of a COMINT codeword due to ineffective communications security is circulated for information.

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Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, USCIB

SUBJECT: Compromise of Codeword

1. The incident described in the inclosure has been evaluated as constituting a compromise of the codeword involved.
2. In view, however, of the extreme unlikelihood that an additional report would produce any additional pertinent information, it is recommended that the final report normally required be waived in this case.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

(SIGNED)
D. M. AGNEW
Captain, US Navy
Deputy Chief of Staff

Incl:

OP-922YB1 Ltr, Serial SY/0692-54,
Subj: Codeword, possible compromise
of, 30 Dec 54

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. D.

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From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Executive Secretary, USCIB
Via: Director, National Security Agency

Subj: Codeword; possible compromise of

Ref: (a) CIBD #9

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report of possible compromise is made.

2. A message, originated by Op-922Y, located in the Pentagon, was forwarded by teletype to the Naval Security Station, 3801 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., via Op-922Y1, located at Arlington Hall. The message was classified, "Top Secret U.S. Eyes Only." The Naval Security Station was notified later by Op-922Y1 that the Top Secret codeword should have been included in the classification and the change was accordingly made. A short time later, on 22 September 1954, an enlisted operator in Op-922Y called the operator at the Naval Security Station on an insecure phone to ascertain if the correction had been made. In response to the inquiry the operator at the Naval Security Station gave the entire classification of the message, including the codeword.

3. Both operators concerned in the above incident have been reprimanded and all personnel connected with teletype operations thoroughly reindoctrinated as to procedures to be followed in connection with such operations, particularly as to the insecurity of present telephone connections and the absolute necessity of avoiding conversations which could involve the inadvertent mention of classified information.

(SIGNED)

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