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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Subject: [ Possible Compromise in the Field of SIGINT (C) ]

- References:
- (a) USIB-S-13.5/28, 18 April 1966, Special Limited Distribution
  - (b) USIB-S-13.5/20, 19 July 1965, Limited Distribution

1. This memorandum recording USIB action on the subject is circulated herewith for information and reference purposes.

2. Pursuant to reference (a), a Joint Working Group of the SIGINT and Security Committees prepared a report containing findings and recommendations on the possible compromise in the field of SIGINT involved in a proposed book, "The Codebreakers" by Mr. David Kahn. In response to a request for expeditious handling from the Director, NSA, the Chairman of the SIGINT Committee, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Security Committee, distributed this report to USIB Members through the SIGINT Committee.

3. As of the close of business on 2 June 1966, USIB Members approved telephonically the recommendations contained in paragraph 9 of that report, as shown in the Enclosure hereto. In approving, however, the Department of State and Defense Intelligence Agency Members of USIB made the following comments:

a. With reference to the second sentence of paragraph 9. a. of the enclosure, the Department of State Member considers that this is too cryptic a way of reserving the Government's position as to the degree to which publication of those portions of the manuscript which deal with current activities would involve unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

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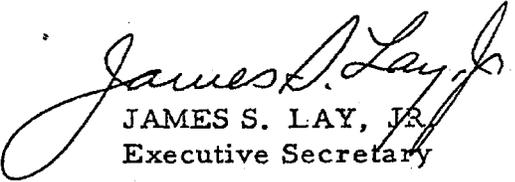
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b. DIA concurs in the proposal of the SIGINT Working Group as contained in paragraphs 9. a. and b. General Carroll questions the advisability of inserting the first sentence of paragraph 9. b. but is not opposing it.

4. Accordingly, the approved recommendations together with the above comments have been communicated to the Director, NSA for his use in responding to the request from the Directorate, Security Review, of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

  
JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

Memo to USIB from Chairman,  
SIGINT Committee dated 2 June 1966

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