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8 April 1958

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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, [REDACTED] 25X1A  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 8 April 1958

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding\*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding\*

M E M B E R S   P R E S E N T

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., \* Director of Intelligence and Research,  
Department of State

Mr. Robert H. Thayer, \* acting for Director of Intelligence and  
Research, Department of State

Major General Robert A. Schow, \* Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army

Colonel Harry Lemley, \* acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army

Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy

Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
United States Air Force

Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff

Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC

25X1A [REDACTED] acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
representative to the IAC

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\* Part of meeting

1. New Chairman for Committee  
on International Communism

The Chairman announced that Mr. Richard A. Johnson of the Department of State had been appointed to succeed Mr. Allan Evans as Chairman of this committee.

2. Approval of Minutes  
1 April Meeting  
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Approved as written.

3. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 400

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

The Chairman noted that the Indonesian situation remained sensitive. He and the members then discussed intelligence and information bearing on a buildup of Central Government forces for an amphibious invasion of Sumatra, the probable timing of any attack and the capabilities and will of the rebel forces to resist such an invasion. Mr. Cumming informed the members on the consensus of the recent meeting of US Ambassadors in Taipei with respect to the probable effects on anti-Communist forces in Asia of a defeat of the Indonesian rebels. During the course of this discussion the Chairman noted that he proposed to publish at an early date in the Central Intelligence Bulletin a review of pertinent order of battle information on air, sea and land forces in the area, and solicited the assistance of the military members in the preparation of this material.

Mr. Cumming and the Chairman referred briefly to the Tunisian situation. The members then exchanged views with Mr. Kent on recent developments in Cuba, particularly on matters such as the probable longevity of the Batista government, the nature and

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possible effect of the rebels' activities, and the political orientation of Castro, including the question of whether he was receiving support from left-wing elements or Communists.

4. Proposed Subject for Critical  
Collection Problems Committee  
Consideration  
(IAC-D-117, 1 April)

The members reviewed in considerable detail various considerations bearing on General Schow's proposal. In particular, the proposal was discussed in the light of the general mission of the Critical Problems Collection Committee (CCPC) and the high priority Air Force project for the development of an earth satellite reconnaissance system which was already underway, including the steps planned or taken by the Air Force toward determining the intelligence requirements for such a system. After discussion it was agreed not to assign the mission suggested by General Schow to the CCPC at this time but to note his proposal with the understanding that he might raise this matter again at such a future date as he deemed appropriate. It was also noted that the Air Force would establish an ad hoc committee, which would include representatives of appropriate components of the intelligence community, to review the question of intelligence collection requirements in relation to the Air Force reconnaissance satellite project.

During the course of their consideration of this matter the members unanimously concurred in the view that the development of an earth satellite reconnaissance system was highly desirable and that it would significantly increase the intelligence collection capabilities of the US. In this connection, the Chairman informed the members as to the contents of a letter by [REDACTED] to the Executive Secretary, NSC (in which the Chairman had formally concurred), which emphasized the importance of the development of such a system by the US. 25X1A

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5. Report of 1957 [REDACTED] 25X1C  
Electronics Intelligence Conference  
(IAC-D-81/8.4, 2 April)

25X1A After discussing this report with [REDACTED] 25X1A  
the members noted the report and approved recommendations a and b  
set forth in the SEC's memorandum, as amended. However, it was  
agreed that SEC and GMIC should review recommendation c (as  
stated in [REDACTED] report) in the light of the IAC's discussion  
of this matter and submit a re-draft of this recommendation for  
consideration at the next regular IAC meeting.

6. Coordination of Intelligence Activities  
at 1958 Conference on Peaceful Uses  
of Atomic Energy  
(IAC-D-10/26, 3 April)

After exchanging views, the members noted this report and  
approved the actions recommended by JAEIC, as outlined in the  
report.

7. SNIE 30-1-58  
Implications of Recent Governmental  
Changes in Saudi Arabia

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted the findings, as amended, and approved the action  
recommended in the post-mortem on this report.
- c. Agreed not to release this estimate to USIA.

8. Executive Session

At 1245 the Chairman requested an executive session. During  
the course of this session the members agreed to reexamine the  
validity of existing estimates on Soviet long-range bomber strength,  
in the light of evidence presently available, and to determine within  
a period of no longer than one month whether to initiate a special  
estimate on this subject on a crash basis.

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