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23 July 1957

I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 23 July 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, 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
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
16 July Meeting
(IAC-M-298)

Approved as written subject to the amendment of the fourth sentence of para. 3 b to read:

"Admiral Frost reported on the naval situation in the Gulf."

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 363

Noted.

b. Middle East

The Chairman noted a CIA memorandum entitled "Nasser's Next Moves," which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and commented on Nasser's manner of handling the transit of the Suez Canal by a Danish vessel destined for Israel. In this connection, Admiral Frost and the members discussed generally the question of the passage of Israel-bound shipping through the Suez Canal and Gulf of Aqaba, particularly the types of vessels potentially available, the kinds of cargo which might be permitted to pass and the nature and probable effectiveness of fortifications in the Straits of Tiran.

25X1 The Chairman and members then discussed recent developments in the Persian Gulf area (especially Muscat and Oman), including reports on the size, composition and present deployment of military forces in the area.

Mr. Kent

commented on the possible purpose of the recent uprising in Oman. General Lewis informed the members on the number and types of aircraft and air facilities in the area. In the course of their exchange of views, the Chairman and members also discussed both the desirability and practical difficulties of obtaining additional information on the area.

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c. Indonesia

The Chairman raised the question of the recent elections in central Java and Mr. Cumming commented in some detail on their implications. In noting the seriousness of the developments, he referred to matters such as the increase in Communist votes, the possible effect on Sukarno's attitudes and activities and the possible future voting trends in other areas of Indonesia. After Mr. Kent noted that a new estimate on Indonesia was being drafted, Mr. Cumming suggested, and the members concurred, that IAC consideration of this estimate (presently scheduled for 13 August) be postponed until after the forthcoming elections in East Java and the subsequent celebration of "Independence Day" on 17 August. However, the Chairman noted that the Board of National Estimates should consider disseminating a preliminary draft estimate to the agencies at an earlier date.

d. Latin America

Mr. Cumming referred to a statement by Mr. Armstrong at an earlier IAC meeting (IAC-M-282, 26 March 1957, item 4 b) with respect to the Argentine situation and circulated to the members an Intelligence Brief prepared by the Office of Intelligence Research entitled "Argentine Political Course." The Chairman suggested that the members review this paper with a view to its possible discussion at the next IAC meeting.

General Schow and Colonel Van Orman commented on developments regarding the forthcoming elections in Panama and the Chairman noted that this situation would bear watching.

3. Semi-Annual Report of IAC
Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges
(IAC-D-103/5, 18 July)

Noted this report.

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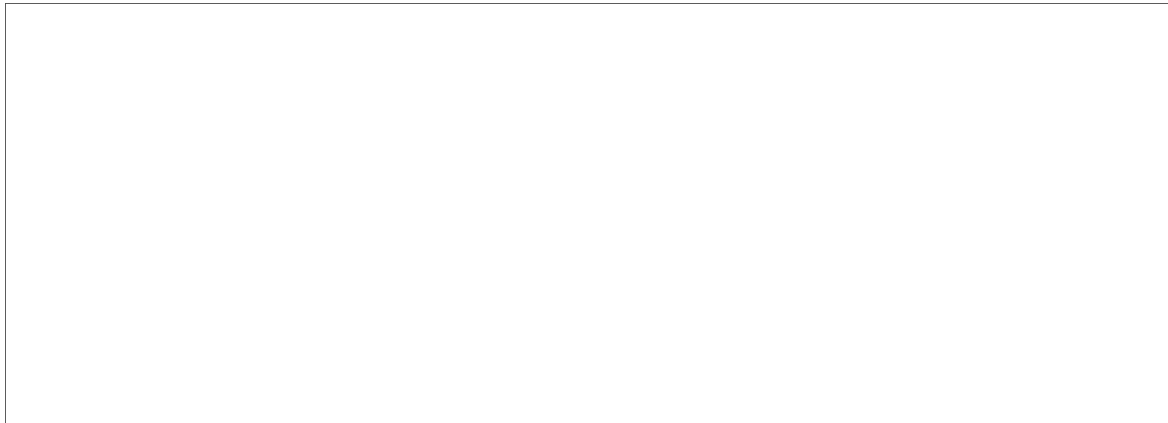
4. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-3-57
Probable Intelligence Warning
of Soviet Attack on the US
Through Mid-1960
(Memorandum to IAC, 11 July)

Noted the findings and approved the recommendation of this post-mortem.

5. Release of SNIE 50-57
Probable Developments in
the Kashmir Dispute
(Memorandum to IAC, 19 July)

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Agreed not to release this estimate to any foreign government.



7. Executive Session

At 1125 the Chairman requested an executive session.

Adjournment: 1155



JOHN HEIRES
Secretary

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