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7 August 1963

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Two-hundred-eighty-second Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 7 August 1963

Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter
Presiding

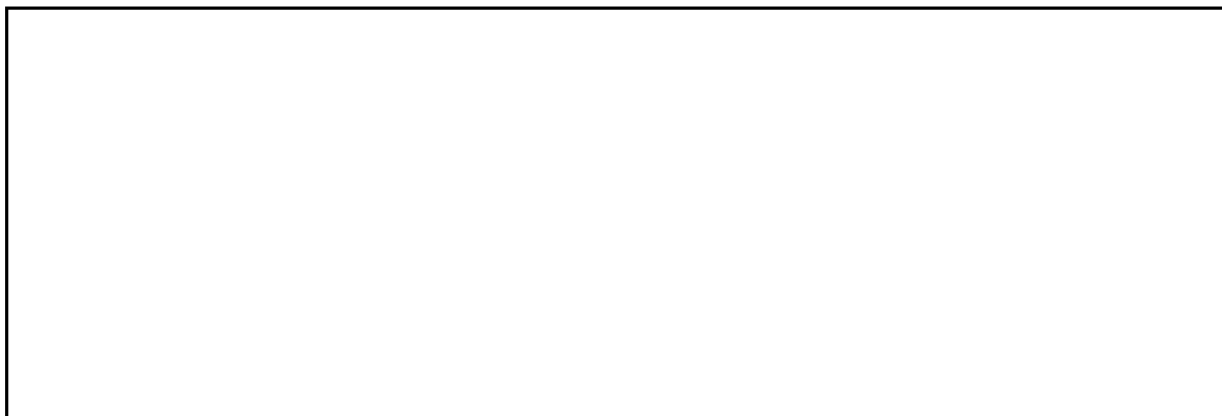
MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ray S. Cline, acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence
Agency
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations
(Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Brigadier General P. D. Wynne, Jr., acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, United States Air Force
Dr. Louis W. Toordella, Acting Director, National Security Agency
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative
to USIB

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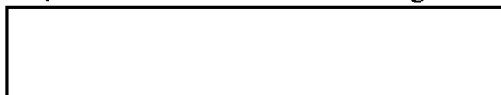
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2. Approval of Minutes
31 July Meeting
(USIB-M-281, including Annex



a. Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex and the record of action on item 8 which was set forth separately in USIB-D-41.14/59.



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3. Watch Report No. 676

Approved as amended.

4. Biweekly COMOR Report on
High-Level Coverage of Cuba
(USIB-D-41.14/60, 6 August)

(A record of USIB action on this item is set forth in USIB-D-41.14/61, 7 August 1963, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

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These minutes were "approved as circulated" by USIB at its 14 August meeting

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5. Proposed Memorandum from Chairman, JCS to the Secretary of Defense
(USIB-M-275, 18 June, item 4; Memorandum for USIB, 14 June; USIB-D-17.1/12, 7 June)

After an explanation of the status of this matter by the Acting Chairman and the DIA member, USIB, in light of further discussion of the previous ONE memorandum (TS # 185633, 14 June 1963), agreed upon an amended version of that memorandum, subject to coordination of the text with Board members or their representatives.*

6. Request for Estimate by a Member of Congress

The AEC member tabled a letter from Senator Morse to the Chairman, AEC, dated 2 August which included requests for estimates on nuclear matters concerning certain countries in the Free World and the Communist world.

After a discussion of Senator Morse's letter and previous USIB positions regarding release of national intelligence estimates to Congress, the Acting Chairman suggested, and the AEC and other Board members concurred, that it would be appropriate if the Chairman, AEC, while responding to the second paragraph of the Senator's letter, advised Senator Morse that he was referring to the DCI for response the requests in the third and fourth paragraphs of the letter. General Carter proposed, and the Board concurred, that the response by the DCI be through a suitable oral briefing rather than by the release of any national intelligence estimate.

*The memorandum as amended, coordinated and signed by the Acting Chairman on 8 August subsequently circulated for record purposes as USIB-D-17.1/13, 8 August 1963.

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Executive Session

The Acting Chairman convened the Board in Executive Session at 1145, during which a number of matters were discussed, including the following.

7. USIB-S-14.1/5, 11 July
(USIB-M-281, 31 July,
item 6, Special Annex)

(The discussion on this item is contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

8. National Indications Center
(NIC) Working Paper

General Carter called to the Board's attention a very fine NIC working paper titled "The Soviet Armed Forces and the Cuban Crisis--A Discussion of Readiness Measures". The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was in no sense a post-mortem of the Cuban situation, but should be of considerable interest and assistance to those persons in the indications business.

General Carter and General Fitch expressed appreciation and the desirability of recognition for the excellent work consistently produced by the author of this paper, Miss Cynthia Grabo, an Army employee.

9. USIB Review of SNIE 13-4-63,
"Possibilities of Greater Militancy
by the Chinese Communists"

After a preliminary discussion on the subject, the Acting Chairman and the Acting CIA member collaborated in presenting a review of developments with reference to the subject SNIE since last week's USIB meeting. As requested by the Secretary of State, USIB considered the question of issuing a modified version of SNIE 13-4-63, in the light of the review of this document conducted by the USIB representatives on 6 August, following which no changes had been recommended.

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The State member distributed at the meeting an INR paper on "Possibility of Greater Chinese Militancy" for the information of USIB members and the Board of National Estimates (BNE).

Based on these discussions USIB:

a. Agreed that no further action on SNIE 13-4-63 was necessary at this time.

b. Agreed that USIB members and BNE would study the tabled INR paper, and noted that the State member would welcome receipt of any comments or suggestions regarding the paper during the next few days.

10. Requirement for a Paper
in Support of a Specific
Collection Effort

(An account of the Board discussion and action on this subject is contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

Adjournment: 1240

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Executive Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Interim Status Report on

[REDACTED]

(USIB-D-64.6/1, 24 July 1963)

As of 5 August 1963, all USIB members had concurred in the
continuance of [REDACTED] as recommended by the CCPC
Committee in the reference.

2. Release of Memorandum
to Holders of NIE 11-8-62

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(USIB-D-17.8/44, 25 April)

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