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SPECIAL MEETING PROCIB  
6 October 1959

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Special Meeting, 6 October 1959

MEMBERS PRESENT

AEC	- Mrs. Doris M. Frear	
AIR	- Maj. George Kudravetz	
	Maj. Elias Bacha, Alternate	
ARMY	- Richard W. Bauer	
	Gerald C. Cooney, Alternate	
JIG	- Capt. E. G. Gardner, Jr.	
LC	- Lewis C. Coffin	
NAVY	- Lt. Cdr. Donald L. Southall	
NSA	[REDACTED]	25X9A8
NSF	- Paul S. Feinstein, Alternate	
OSD	- Lewis O. Evans, Alternate	
STATE	- Leo M. Goodman	
USIA	- L. King Quan, Alternate	
CIA	- [REDACTED] Chairman	25X1A9a
	[REDACTED] Secretary	

VISITORS

ARMY (Ft. Holabird)	- Col. M. Johnson Hagood	25X1A9a
DD/Coordination	- [REDACTED]	
STATE	- Charles E. Paine	
CIA	- [REDACTED]	25X1A9a

1. The Chairman requested members to attend this special meeting to continue discussion on emergency planning. The security classification of the meeting and the Minutes thereof is SECRET.

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2. The Chairman introduced the two Special Guests, [redacted] of the Office of Coordination and Col. M. Johnson Hagood, Ft. Holabird. [redacted] is Chairman of the USIB Steering Committee on Emergency Planning. Col. Hagood has the emergency planning responsibilities for ASDIC (Armed Services Document Intelligence Center). In his introductory remarks, the Chairman pointed out the desirability of coordination between ASDIC and PROCIB planning. He brought into focus the discussions of the 23 September meeting of PROCIB and recalled the areas of disagreement. He asked that [redacted] give the background on the development of emergency planning in the USIB.

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3. [redacted] traced the overall thinking on the problem and discussed the way in which several other Committees were dealing with the problem confronting PROCIB. He expressed the readiness of his Steering Committee to assist in the development of a PROCIB plan. Concerned about the knotty problem of jurisdiction, he asked the State member to explain his concern about State Foreign Service personnel receiving "directions" in the form of requirements from the Foreign Publications Center as he felt was proposed in the PROCIB paper under consideration (PROCIB-D-15).

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4. The State member described briefly the foreign publications procurement program operating through the facilities of the Foreign Service, stating that there are at least 100 officers procuring foreign publications. With the exception of 9 full-time officers, the rest perform these duties in addition to other responsibilities as assigned by the respective Heads of Missions. He suggested that PROCIB should be primarily a means for reaching policy and principle agreements rather than an operational group.

5. There was lively discussion on the subject of who would actually control the activities of field personnel in an emergency. During the course of the discussion, [redacted] suggested that a practical approach be taken toward the problem of collection, not a jurisdictional one. He stated that there has been agreement, for example, that Central Intelligence Agency operations will be under the direction of the appropriate military theater commander. This has apparently not yet been resolved or even fully explored so far as the role of State Department personnel vis a vis the military in an active theater of war is concerned. It was urged that all field collection will require close coordination in time of emergency even though the command relationship is not yet fully clear.

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6. The Chairman pointed out that agreement was reached in the establishment of ASDIC. The PROCIB paper in question was modelled on the ASDIC agreement. Discussion ensued on the question of functional guidance and the determination of priorities in field collection.

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7. The Chairman called attention to the dependence of CIA on the three U.S. national libraries for collateral research support. He said that CIA will act as front man to ensure the flow of foreign publications to these libraries, in order that the production of national intelligence not be hampered. He urged that PROCIB planning transcend the intelligence community to include the national libraries, and ensure that unique materials be made available. Stressed also were the important responsibilities of the National Science Foundation in the field of scientific publications availability.

8. The J-2 member suggested that a working group be appointed to prepare a thoroughly coordinated study of the whole problem and to work closely with [redacted] Steering Committee. Further discussion pointed out that coordination might be desirable with the development of revised post-attack Priority National Intelligence Objectives.

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9. The Chairman asked that Col. Hagood brief PROCIB on the ASDIC planning. Col. Hagood described the ASDIC set-up (see SR 380-350-2, previously distributed) and stated that the Committee of which he is Chairman, planning for ASDIC, will probably ask for guidance from PROCIB as to the types of material needed, definition of priorities, etc. It was suggested that the specific responsibilities of the Exploitation Committee and PROCIB be more clearly defined.

10. The Chairman asked that the non-USIB agencies (National Science Foundation, Library of Congress, Department of Agriculture, National Library of Medicine and the United States Information Agency) prepare a statement on what support these agencies would expect from procurement operations under war-time circumstances, to include before the immediate declaration of war, during a war, and post-war. He asked that the Library of Congress member be Chairman of this Working Group, to consist of the members from the agencies mentioned.

11. The State member pointed out that the military services do not presently utilize the facilities of the State Department overseas personnel in their procurement programs. He asked whether the proposed Foreign Publications Center is going to become a more integrated operation or not, and wanted to know whether the military services expect to continue to operate apart from the program.

12. The Chairman requested answers to these questions from the service representatives. The Air and Navy members believed that the usual procurement of open publications will receive very low priority at the outbreak of war. The Army member stated that there are many priority requirements during the war, some of which might well include publications and suggested that guidance is about all that can be expected. There was further discussion as to what the "national interest" is, methods of setting up the Foreign Publications Center, funding, etc.

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13. It was generally agreed that there are too many intangibles unresolved as yet to set up a firm plan. [redacted] stated that in his opinion the USIB would expect primarily a progress report on planning by the present target date of 1 December 1959, and suggested that PROCIB not crystallize its ideas prior to the October presentations by the Steering Group. To carry PROCIB thinking further, the Chairman accepted the suggestion of the J-2 member and asked him to chair a group of USIB representatives to suggest a plan. 25X1A9a

14. The Chairman requested that both Working Groups, the one chaired by the J-2 member, the other by the Library of Congress member, have their preliminary reports ready by the next PROCIB meeting on 3 November 1959.

15. The Chairman designated Messrs. Bauer, [redacted] and Southall to attend the series of oral briefings being held by the USIB Steering Committee, beginning 8 October 1959. 25X1A9a

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