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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IAC Participation in  
Operation Alert 1955

Attached is the outline plan for Operation Alert 1955, approved by the IAC on 7 June 1955.



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IAC PLAN FOR OPERATION ALERT 1955

1. General Purpose: <sup>1/</sup>
  - a. To evaluate the effectiveness of relocation planning;
  - b. To determine present ability to conduct essential war-time functions of the Federal Government at relocation sites under conditions of sustained alert; and
  - c. To test ability to deal with problems arising under attack conditions.

2. General Assumption: <sup>1/</sup>

Insofar as day-to-day activities pertaining to essential wartime functions are concerned, no attack has taken place, i. e., Washington is intact, but the situation is critical and a partial relocation has been ordered.

3. Role of NSC in the 15-17 June Exercise:

The President has stated that the National Security Council should be prepared to meet on its regular schedule during the 15-17 June exercise. He has not said where it will meet, nor has an exact agenda been set.

4. Role of the IAC in the 15-17 June Exercise:

The IAC may be called upon to advise the Director of Central Intelligence in discharging his responsibilities as intelligence advisor to the President and the NSC.

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<sup>1/</sup> From ODM General Statement, Operation Alert 1955, revised 27 April 1955.

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5. Specific Problems:

- a. To meet a real emergency if one develops during the course of the exercise;
- b. To convene the IAC if it becomes necessary to do so in support of NSC action; and
- c. To test arrangements made by and the facilities at the disposal of the intelligence community for coordinating its activities from relocation centers.

6. Real Emergency:

In the event of a real emergency requiring the IAC to meet during the 15-17 June exercise, the IAC will meet on call in Washington, at its regular meeting place.

7. Emergency Drill:

In the event the IAC is called upon to meet to act on a matter in support of the drill, the meeting will be convened by the Chairman either at the CIA relocation center or at the Defense relocation center, depending on the nature of the IAC action, the current location of the IAC members, and the time and place of the ensuing NSC meeting.

8. Testing Interagency Coordination:

In any event, the member agencies of the IAC will conduct some item of IAC business at the representatives' level to test communications between the relocation centers of the IAC agencies and the CIA relocation center, and the availability of intelligence materials available at relocation centers. The test will be held on 16 June, at a time and on a subject to be announced approximately 24 hours in advance of the required action.

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9. Resolution of Operational and Procedural Problems:

Telecommunications and courier service will be used to the maximum extent. Only important matters which cannot be resolved by IAC representatives will be brought before the IAC.

10. Validity of Existing Directives:

All existing directives and agreements will be maintained in force consistent with the new situation. For example, in the preparation of national intelligence estimates, the procedure outlined in DCID 3/5 will be followed insofar as possible, though emphasis will be put on getting access to documents already within the possession of departmental contributors and on oral contributions.

11. Role of IAC Subcommittees:

No special exercise is planned for the various IAC subcommittees though action matters may be referred to the Chairman of the following:

- a. JAEIC
- b. NIS
- c. IPC
- d. EIC
- e. SEC
- f. Watch Committee

12. Liaison Arrangements:

Members of the IAC will, as feasible, station representatives for liaison purposes with the Chairman, at the CIA relocation center. The Director of Central Intelligence will be prepared to station a representative at the relocation centers of the IAC members.

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13. Logistics:

- a. Each agency will be responsible for providing its own transportation to and from meetings which are called, and for delivering action or information papers which it originates.
- b. Facilities for the conduct of meetings will be provided by CIA at its relocation center, and the Joint Staff at its relocation center.

14. IAC Action:

IAC action may be initiated by written communication, messenger, or telecommunication to or from the Chairman or the Secretary.

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