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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 108

10 July 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
*Capt. Kirten	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
**Lt. Jones	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
*Major Agah	Air Force
Major Hession	CIA (Chairman)

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*Navy member appointed 9 July 1951, vice Captain Stout.
 **Prospective alternate members.

2. Copies of the D/B Monthly Report for June (including Special report on Tokyo Trip 12-27 June) were distributed to the members.

3. The Army member requested D/B to determine the qualitative adequacy of 3 Sections 45 recently produced by SGO in order to assist him in making his report to the Committee (refer to paragraph 5, NIS Committee Meeting No. 107).

4. The Committee approved the following contributors' statements for publication in the NIS:

a. Supplement V (Petroleum) - "This Supplement was prepared for the NIS under the general supervision of the State Department, Office of Intelligence Research, by the Department of the Interior."

The Committee indicated that State was the intelligence agency of primary responsibility for Supplement V, and the word "State" is to appear on the running head of each published page of this Supplement.

b. Special NIS 104-108 (Oceanography and Marine Climate) - "NIS 104-108 are prepared under the coordination of the Office of Naval Intelligence by the U. S. Navy Aerological Service and the U. S. Hydrographic Office".

The Committee indicated that Navy was the intelligence agency of primary responsibility for the Special NIS, and the word "Navy" is to appear on the running head of each published page of these NIS.

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5. The Chairman informed the Committee that the revised NIS Standard Instructions will be ready for printing shortly and should be disseminated about September 1951.

6. The Chairman requested general views from the members in regard to the effectiveness of present field collection for NIS maintenance requirements within their respective areas of responsibility.

State - There has been intensified field collection effort by the Intelligence Acquisition Division of OLI, State. The various U. S. Missions have been requested to comment upon published NIS elements as they are received in the field and to fill significant gaps as revealed by "Comments on Principal Sources". Two people are now engaged in NIS field collection tasks in Norway and Egypt. It is planned to send out this year a well qualified observer on an extended trip to all U. S. Missions in North Africa, the Near East and India to familiarize them with NIS requirements and to stimulate field collection.

Army - The MA system has been considerably augmented and is now up to full strength. All drafts of Section 81 (Ground Forces) are now sent to the field for checking before contributions are released by Army. The main problem in the Department is to effect timely dissemination of field reports to the analysts who need to know within the Department. The NIS machinery is proving very useful to Army in uncovering deficiencies in the dissemination practices.

Navy - The NA system has also been considerably augmented. The Navy's Port Collection Guide, which is issued to NA's and operating forces, is substantially the same as NIS requirements. This also applies to the Collection Guide for Coasts and Landing Beaches. The collection requirements for more technical sections, such as Hydrographic, are sent out to naval facilities having special competence in these fields. Drafts of all NIS sections prepared by Navy are sent to the field for checking and the related collection of "gap" information at the same time as these contributions are sent to CIA. While the reports from the field are generally not received in time to correct errors in the contributions, they will form the basis for revisions under the maintenance program.

Air Force - Like the other two Services, the AA system has been considerably augmented. The Directorate of Intelligence, USAF has issued comprehensive instructions to all AA's requiring: a) first drafts from the field on all NIS requirements for which the Air Force has responsibility; b) revisions of these drafts every 6 months; and c) prompt initiation of collection effort to fill "gap" information indicated by "Comments on Principal Sources". Drafts of all AF contributions go to the field for comment but replies are frequently received too late to be used in the immediate NIS contributions.


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The Chairman expressed satisfaction with the progress made by all the agencies in regard to getting NIS collection procedures on a firm basis. Further discussion indicated that collection requirements laid on attache's are frequently beyond existing capabilities. In many important areas additional field groups are needed to supplement present facilities.

7. For NIS planning purposes, the Chairman requested a general estimate of NIS production during the 1st Quarter, FY 1952. The members reported as follows:

State	--	on schedule
Army	--	slightly ahead of schedule
Navy	--	50% of schedule
Air Force	--	80% of schedule

8. The Chairman ^{25X6A} reported that he had obtained a number of unclassified economic reports  which had been prepared by the Natural Resources Section, SCAP. These reports may prove of considerable reference value to analysts in OIR, State. He will furnish a list of these reports to the State member.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be subject to the call of the Chairman.

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