

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 28 MARCH 1955

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1. [redacted] read aloud from a recent D/GI memorandum, a guide for selection of Soviet maps. The group discussed the criteria presented in the memorandum. [redacted] said that the memorandum is now being revised, and it was agreed that the revisions he recommended were satisfactory.

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2. Mr. [redacted] memorandum concerning proposed symbol for [redacted] projects was discussed, and it was decided that an attempt should be made to handle the problem by statements of priority through the chain of command up to the AD level, without use of a symbol.

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3. [redacted] commented that the data concerning man-hour and salary costs in connection with the Clark Committee survey should be in two categories--Preparation and Presentation. The total figures should be expressed in man-hours and average grade level or average hourly pay.

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4. [redacted] commented that the Far Eastern Association meetings, at the Washington Hotel from 29 to 31 March 1955, should be of interest to a number of people in the Geographic Area. The Economic Area is recruiting at these meetings and D/GI should also contact appropriate individuals. [redacted] reported that Mr. Amory has recently emphasized the increasing need for Far Eastern Intelligence Officers and the increasing intelligence program on the Far East.

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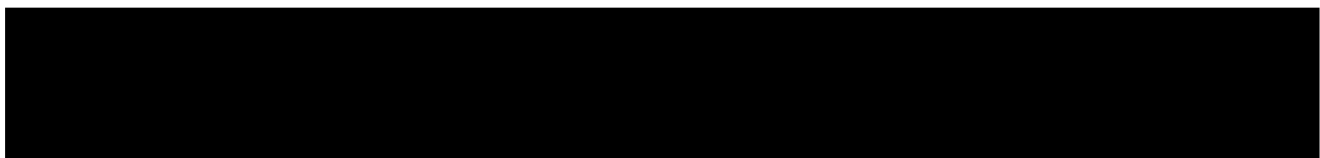
[redacted] commented that if registration fees are required at such meetings it should be possible to get reimbursement for those individuals selected by the Geographic Area.

5. Individuals flying to the AAG meetings at Memphis, Tennessee will probably not be able to travel in groups larger than 2 per plane.

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6. A briefing of OO/C field personnel is scheduled for 4 April 1955 from 10:35 to 11:10 A.M. [redacted] will handle this briefing. OO/C would like to schedule such briefings three times a year, bringing in different groups from the field.

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25X1A5a1 8. [REDACTED] reported on the recent meeting of the Advisory Group (Geographic) [REDACTED]. The meeting was rather disorganized but some recommendations concerning change in the organization were made and will probably be presented by the U.S. member to the Geographic Consultation in July. The recommendation proposes that the organization should be on the basis of significant problems rather than on functional fields such as physical geography, bio-geography, teaching of geography, etc.

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25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] reported a request from the Air Force for recommendations regarding native personnel to be used by the Air Force in establishing stations between Taiwan and Africa, in connection with the Air Force's Second Annular Eclipse Expedition. The group discussed the possibilities of sending Geographic Area personnel to work with this expedition; there is some doubt as to the amount of useful area knowledge to be gained from such experience.

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25X1A9a 11. [REDACTED] showed examples of photographs taken recently under poor light conditions using the new TRI-X film, which is about five times as fast as any other film.

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] showed material on a new 70 mm photographing device that seems to be remarkably effective in handling many kinds of duplicating problems. The machine has been developed by Photogrammetry Incorporated, and the Air Force and the Navy have ordered several.

25X1A9a 13. [REDACTED] reported that D/GP's new quarters in "QUE" Building may be ready by the due date, 25 April 1955.

25X1A9a 14. [REDACTED] was congratulated on his recent receipt of a meritorious civilian award from the Navy, covering his work with the Navy before he came to CIA.

25X1A9a 15. [REDACTED] reported that he anticipates an ORR request for a City Plan of Shanghai from D/AF in the Economic Area. This request may have been inspired originally by DD/P. He is to coordinate and clarify.

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16. [REDACTED] will meet tomorrow with the CSB Examining Panel.

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17. [REDACTED] commented on a recent listing of technical and scientific conferences that have been attended by Soviet delegates. Attached to this listing is a translation of the December 1954 lecture by the President of the USSR Academy of Sciences concerning relations of USSR scientists with the rest of the world. D/GP, D/GC and D/GG indicated a desire for copies of this.

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18. [REDACTED] advised that the AD/RR is following up on the submission of fitness reports and that they should be submitted on time from now on.

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