

INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR, INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN  
INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, AND CONSULTANTS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1950,  
IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

PRESENT: Department of State - Mr. Barrett, Director  
Mr. Phillips  
Mr. MacKnight  
Mr. Connors  
Mr. Oechsner, Acting Executive Secretary  
Department of Defense - General Magruder  
Joint Chiefs of Staff - Admiral Stevens  
National Security Resources Board - Mr. Sheppard  
Economic Cooperation Administration - Mr. Berding  
Central Intelligence Agency [redacted]

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Before moving to the regular agenda, Mr. Barrett called upon Messrs. [redacted] for a presentation on the "Crusade for Freedom". There was general discussion of the crusade's objectives. General Magruder felt the need of handout materials explaining the crusade to the public. [redacted] left copies of current press material with Mr. MacKnight.

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The Director proceeded to Item IV of the agenda, Mr. Connors' trip to Tokyo, and announced that Mr. Connors was prepared to leave on Friday, September 22. It was unanimously agreed that a representative of the Department of Defense should also go, and the Executive Secretary was instructed to get into touch by telephone with Col. Fred Young, Acting Chief of Psychological Warfare Branch, G-3, to communicate the views of the board. Col. Young replied that he would discuss this matter with General McClure, newly appointed head of the new Psychological Warfare Division, with a view to having an Army representative on the trip. It was agreed that while there was a need for the study of coordination and liaison between Washington and the field at operating level, it was also desirable to have a discussion at the MacArthur and Willoughby level. In this connection the possibility of a later trip by Mr. Barrett, Admiral Stevens and General McClure was discussed.

Mr. Phillips reported on Item I of the agenda, status of Carroll-Phillips paper, and stated that PRS was preparing in chart form a detailed elaboration of the basic objectives contained in the Carroll-Phillips paper; this elaboration would be presented to the board when completed. There was extensive discussion of the references in the paper to the treatment of defectors.

In connection with Item VI on the agenda, the setting of priorities in the planning field, the Executive Secretary explained that IFIS was developing project proposals so rapidly, in addition to projects already in work or pending, that it might be desirable to appeal to the board for assistance in the setting of priorities among these projects. He was instructed to prepare for presentation at the next meeting, a list of all projects in work, pending or proposed, with

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priorities suggested by IFIS, if the board were to be requested to advise on these priorities.

Item II on the agenda, IFIS Report No. 12, training of personnel, was discussed. While the paper was approved as the basis for further planning, the board felt (a) that the total number of personnel mentioned for training was too high; (b) that it would be more desirable to conduct a "teachers course", and have the graduates then go back to their respective institutions to conduct local instruction; (c) that this course should be of six weeks duration; (d) that the classes should not exceed 25 persons at a time; (e) that IFIS in its further studies should recommend where such courses were to be held, whether in private, Service, or State institutions; (f) finally, that an IFIS recommendation should be included as to what disposition was to be made of graduates following completion of courses.

Item III on the agenda was discussed and it was agreed that Troop I and E officers would be available to attend board meetings to discuss specific problems as required. It was agreed that the problems raised in Mr. Hulten's paper of August 30 to the Chairman, copies of which have been distributed, should be dealt with at a meeting between representatives of Mr. Hulten's office and Troop I and E. The Executive Secretary was instructed to facilitate such a meeting.

[ Previous unapproved minutes were dealt with. Certain corrections were agreed in the minutes of the meeting of September 13. In connection with these minutes, [ ] distributed copies of a memorandum on the decisions reached at the meeting regarding balloons, and it was agreed to incorporate this memorandum in the corrected minutes of the September 13 meeting. [ ] was to provide the Executive Secretary with final draft of this memorandum, copies of which were to be attached to the revised minutes of the meeting of September 13. ]

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The Executive Secretary stated that he had been asked by a correspondent of the St. Louis Post Dispatch for material on balloons for a special article, including technical details, State Department attitude toward the use of balloons, etc. The Director stated that he had answered all such inquiries of this nature with a statement that subject had been under careful study, that the results were classified and not available for public use.

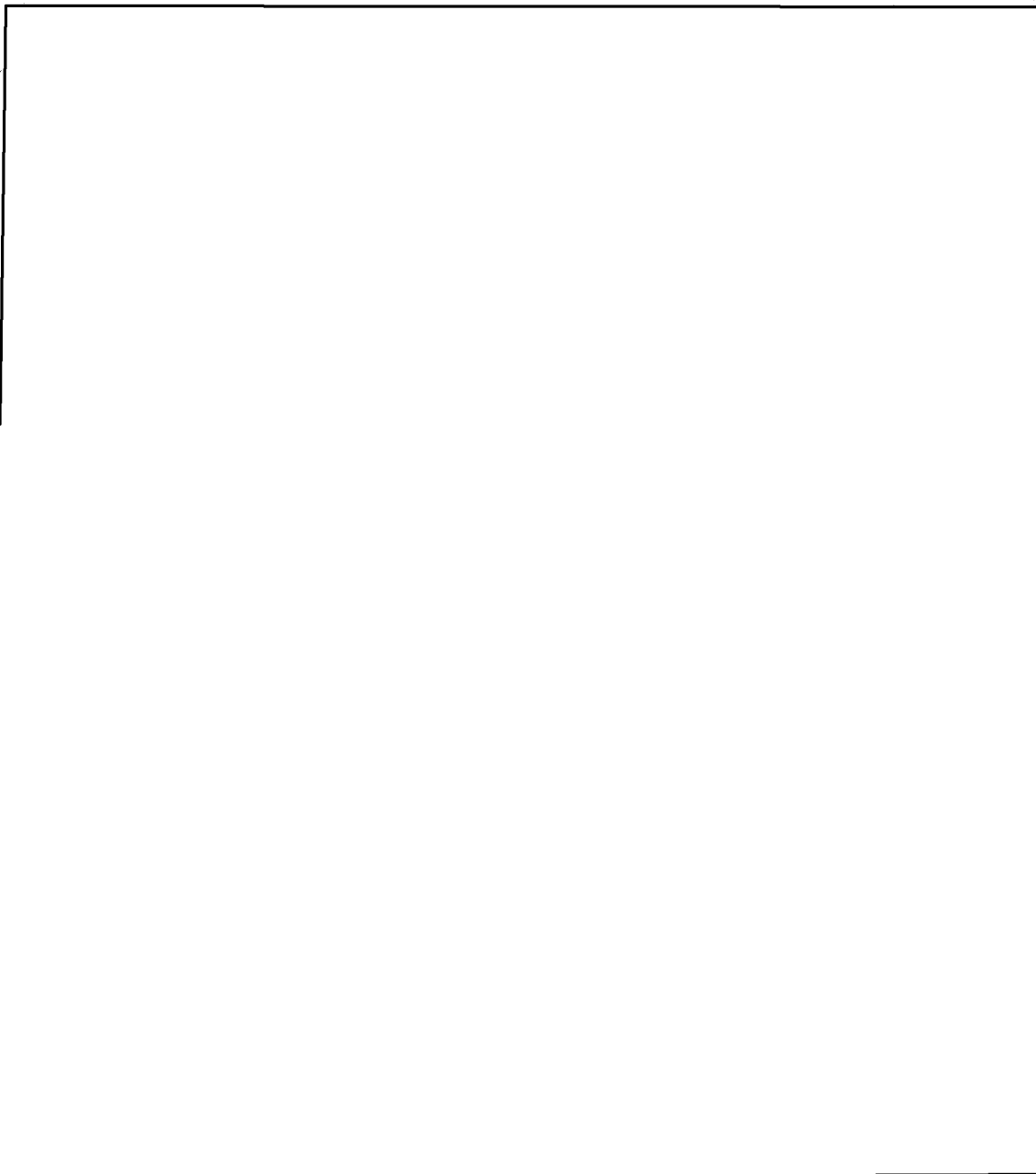
Mr. Barrett distributed copies of his draft memorandum of September 18, 1950, to EE, Mr. Reinhardt, re reference to Soviet in official announcements. It was agreed that Mr. Phillips and EUR would discuss this paper.

It was agreed that Item V of the agenda, coordination of planning under NSC 59 and NSC 10 Series, should be discussed between Mr. Frank and the Executive Secretary, and that Item VII, RANL reports, be carried over to a later meeting.

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