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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of 28 February USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 28 February Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the 7 March Board meeting. A Special Annex to these draft minutes is being circulated through special channels.



Executive Secretary

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Attachment

(This cover memorandum may be downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL when separated from the attachment.)

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Minutes of  
One-hundred-forty-second Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030, 28 February 1961

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding\*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding\*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Roger Hilsman, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department  
of State  
General Graves B. Erskine, Assistant for Special Operations to the  
Secretary of Defense  
Brigadier General John J. Davis, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff for  
Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations  
(Intelligence), Department of the Navy  
Colonel Linscott A. Hall, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
United States Air Force  
Vice Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director, National Security Agency  
Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the USIB  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative  
to the USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes  
21 February Meeting  
(USIB-M-141, including Annex  
distributed through special  
channels)

Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 551

Noted.

3. USIB-C-10./10  
20 February 1961  
(Limited distribution through  
special channels)

(This item is carried in a Special Annex to these minutes.)

4. Introduction of

General Cabell advised that Lieutenant Colonel Thompson had been designated Deputy Executive Secretary of the Intelligence Board and Executive Secretary of the COMINT and ELINT Committees and introduced him to the Board members. In this connection, the Board noted that Colonel Thompson would also serve as Executive Secretary of the U.S. Communications Security Board.

5. Implementation of Approved  
Recommendations re "Foreign  
Intelligence Activities"  
(USIB-D-1.5/4, 21 February)

Concurred in Mr. Dulles' proposal regarding the implementation of certain approved Joint Study Group recommendations as set forth in his 21 February memorandum (USIB-D-1.5/4) and agreed that recommendations 10, 14, 15, 18, 38, 40, and 42 should be referred to

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appropriate USIB committees for the action indicated in the attachment to that memorandum, subject to modifications of No. 14 and certain understandings as to the interpretation of Nos. 18 and 42.

In this connection, the Board agreed that the Committee on Documentation (CODIB) and the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) should be added to those committees with which the Security Committee should coordinate in developing its recommendations regarding No. 14.\* With respect to recommendation 18 it was recognized that certain problems might arise due to operational security considerations and that any Board member having such problems would work out internally with his Security Committee representative and other appropriate personnel a method of handling the matter within his agency. It also was understood that the Security Committee, in taking the required action regarding recommendation 42, would consult CODIB, as appropriate, with respect to any considerations pertinent to CODIB's activities.

6. Draft U. S. Position Paper:  
NATO Standing Group  
Intelligence Estimate  
(Distributed by Joint Staff)

Approved this draft estimate, subject to (a) further coordination by the USIB representatives of certain portions of the paper, particularly paras. 35 (Part I, Section III) and 41 (Part I, Section V), and (b) approval by Board principals of any textual changes worked out by the representatives. It was agreed that the Board would meet in special session on 1 March to complete action on this paper, if necessary.\*\*

7. Review of Sensitive Situations

Congo. Mr. Dulles, who was then presiding, commented on late reports of developments in the Congo, and the members exchanged

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\* Accordingly, holders of USIB-D-1.5/4 are requested to incorporate this Board-approved change in that document.

\*\* Board action was completed on this paper at a special USIB meeting on 1 March (USIB-M-143).

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views on various aspects of this chaotic situation. In this connection, the Board also discussed a draft CIA paper regarding the prospects in that country which was tabled at the meeting.

Morocco. The Board discussed the situation in Morocco, particularly with respect to the possible implications of the death of Mohammed V and the succession to power of Hassan II.

Burma. Colonel Hall invited attention to a recent report bearing on the situation in Burma, and the members commented on this matter briefly.

8. Central Intelligence Bulletin

The Chairman referred to the interest in the Bulletin which had been expressed at the highest policy level, and indicated that any comments or suggestions for improving the Bulletin would be welcome.

9. NIE 34-61

Prospects for Iran

- a. Approved this estimate as amended.
- b. Noted the finding and approved the recommendation set forth in the post-mortem to this estimate.
- c. Noted the validity study on NIE 34-60, "The Outlook for Iran," dated 16 February 1960.
- d. No member raised objection to the release to USIA of NIE 34-61.

10. Executive Session

At 1240, Mr. Dulles requested an Executive Session.

Adjournment: 1300



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