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DETAILED AGENDA

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1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 20 December 1955.TAB B

No changes anticipated.

2. Announcements of Chairman.

You wished to mention the visit of the Executive Secretary of the EIC Subcommittee on Requirements and Collation [REDACTED] to several recent meetings of the Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications - to assist them in working out their survey of collection requirements on Communist China. [REDACTED] knowledge of collection requirements and procedures seemed greatly appreciated by the substantive analysts on this Subcommittee who expect to submit their completed research and collection surveys in the immediate future. We should encourage more of this sort of thing.

3. Armaments SubcommitteeTAB CActions Desired:

(a) Approval of the continuation of the present Shipbuilding Subcommittee as a separate subcommittee - but with the Chairman requested to meet with the over-all Armaments Subcommittee when it considers questions of total armaments capabilities and/or production.

(b) The Armaments Subcommittee should be reconstituted (at least in part) and instructed to take a broader overview of their responsibilities in light of the new EIC paper on "General Concepts and Functions of the EIC Subcommittees." They should be asked to emphasize their review and

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supervisory functions - recommending particular "ad hoc" working groups to undertake such detailed examination of research as has tended to bog them down in the past (i.e., on Soviet Armed Fighting Vehicles).

Comments:

(a) The Shipbuilding Subcommittee is actively proceeding with a relatively independent program for developing better coordination of shipbuilding estimates; and this initiative should not be discouraged by down-grading them into a working group. Furthermore, estimates of shipbuilding capabilities and production - at least in the short run period - are primarily dependent upon existing shipyards and ways; whereas capability and production estimates for the most other forms of munitions are dependent to a great extent on estimates of total economic activity and need therefore be examined together.

(b) After asking the present Chairman of the Armaments Subcommittee

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you should call on Col. Baird to summarize the conclusions which he has reached after informal discussions with several of the EIC members. It is expected that Col. Baird will stress the need for a review and supervisory approach by the subcommittee. [But he cannot at this time nominate Colonel Wernsen of AFCEM to be the Chairman; accordingly he will probably propose we examine the community's personnel resources to find a high-level over-all Chairman for the reconstituted group.] You should then say that you are preparing to appoint your Deputy Division Chief, ██████████ as the CIA member of such a reconstituted group and would ask the other members to consider whether they also might not have available individuals who more

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clearly out across the three principal areas of work expected from this group, i.e., (1) Land Armaments, (2) Air Armaments, (3) Estimation of over-all munitions capabilities and production. You may assume Howard Niedemann will continue to be the State representative in any case but G-2 and ONI should be asked to consider this matter and let you know if they can strengthen their representation (call on G-2 first, since it is hoped that they will be prepared to appoint a full Colonel from Ordnance - though probably not today - whereas ONI will probably wish to keep Mr. Baker as their representative. The latter, though junior, has been most cooperative and should be acceptable if a more senior ONI officer is not available.)

4. Revised Report of Guided Missiles Working Group.

TAB D

Action Desired:

(1) Approval of continuation of this Group "until further notice" - if possible, under the revised terms of reference recommended in the August 26 attachment to the report rather than under the original terms (all changes were essentially only clarifications of wordings).

(2) Approval by the EIC of proceeding with the counterpart collection request on the NIKE ground-to-air missile (as outlined in the revised report).

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Comment: Two principal criticisms of the Group are expected - particularly from JIG and ONI:

(a) That the Group has not met since the EIC sent it instructions to revise its report but proceeded by interim coordination through its Chairman and Secretariat (who were not always accessible).

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(b) That the final report does not comply with the instructions in the MIC Minutes of 18 October to "identify more precisely its recommendations" as called for under Paragraph 3 of its original terms of reference - which called for "recommendations as to the objectives of economic intelligence research ... including descriptions of specific collection requirements necessary ... and of analytical methods which might be employed most effectively."

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Discussion: You should express regret that the Working Group had not met, and that it did not attempt to specifically detail the recommendations which Navy (and Mr. Hamilton of Air Force) consider were called for. But you should explain the compelling reasons why the Working Group acted as it had.

(a) The principal MIC assignment to the group at our October meeting was to revise its report on the basis of a fuller investigation of the present availability of counterpart data in Department of Defense files, and to include estimates of costs of further collection of counterpart.

Mr. Charles E. Weaver of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Defense, Research & Development, who was specifically appointed to this Working Group in order to make such information available, reportedly failed to attend meetings of the group even when his presentation of the facts about counterpart was listed as the principal item on the agenda. The officers of the Working Group were unable to arrange any appointment with Mr. Weaver - either to speak to the Group as a whole or to meet with the officers of the Group - and it was necessary eventually to obtain the information required from Mr. Ferris Bell and Dr. R. E. Stegauer of the Department of the Army and OASD (R&D) respectively. It is believed that Mr. Weaver is

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the source referred to by Col. Bjornard's memo as furnishing information to

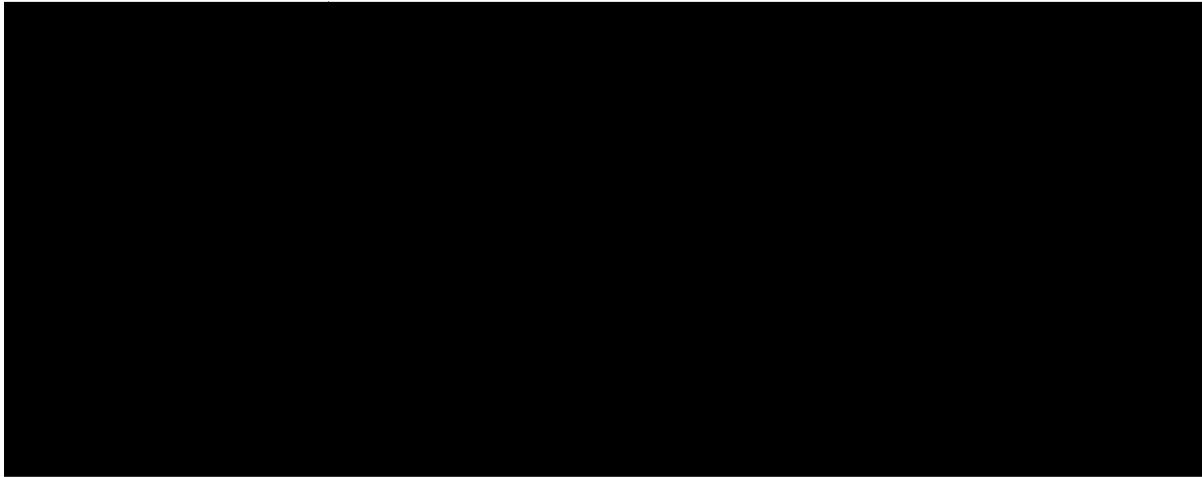
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him on 6 October 1955 - contrary to the Working Group's revised report; TAB D-4 and indeed the unavailable Mr. Weaver is understood to have been the principal fomenter against the whole counterpart collection activity which he was appointed to facilitate. The information so obtained was immediately dispatched to the members by the Secretariat on 21 December - but unfortunately did not reach some members until Christmas week. Members generally did not wish to try to meet during the short week between Christmas and New Year's, and the JIC member took the position that the Working Group had no authority to call a meeting after 31 December. It was his choice to handle further discussion within the Working Group by writing memoranda.

(b) In the view of the Air Force and ORL staffs conducting economic research on Soviet guided missile production, well-conceived recommendations on research objectives, foreign collection requirements or analytical methods are possible until after the U.S. counterpart economic data have been thoroughly analyzed to identify "indicators" - i.e., the more critical economic relationships involved in guided missile research and production. This was stated by the Working Group in Paragraph 9 of its revised report. While you should recognize that perhaps the Group would have been better advised to have attempted at least a preliminary set of recommendations on these points, you should ask the SIC members who criticized the Group for not doing so to recognize that in the judgment of those most actively involved in this type of work such an effort at this point would have been waste motion and probably misleading.

5. Other Business.



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6. Announcement of New Members.

TAB E

Lists to be distributed to members.