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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Special Meeting Held in
Room 1109, Temporary "M" Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N W
October 18 1955 at 1400 hours

PRESENT

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- Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman
- [REDACTED] CIA, Vice Chairman
- Colonel William C. Baird, Air Force
- Mr. Duncan Holmes, Army
- Mr. John Easton, JCS
- Commander Burns Spore, Navy
- Mr. Philip Trezise, State (by proxy)
- Mr. Kingsley Hamilton, Air Force
- Mr. Bennett Davis, Navy

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[REDACTED] EIC/S, Principal Staff Economist
 [REDACTED], EIC, Executive Secretary

GUIDED MISSILES COUNTERPART DATA REQUIREMENTS MANUAL

1. Discussion: This special meeting had been called to consider the six months report of the EIC Working Group on Guided Missiles, EIC/D 117 dated 21 September 1955, and also to clarify steps which the Working Group had taken to implement its proposed program for collection of counterpart data. The Chairman explained that the Working Group's comprehensive listing of collection requirements was a working document intended for use only within the Group. Its circulation outside the immediate membership of the Working Group had been unauthorized but had resulted in widespread concern. He further explained that the Working Group had agreed that CIA should be asked to undertake on a "test basis" to collect certain selected counterpart data listed in this manual, and to that end had authorized the ORR representatives on the Working Group to "tailor" specific detailed requirements, from the manual, to cover one or more particular guided missiles systems, and to approach the responsible military services to work out mutually acceptable arrangements for contacting their individual contractors.

Several of the members stated that in their view the Working Group should have consulted the EIC before proceeding with this approach.

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(A representative of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development had been consulted to determine the extent of the counterpart data available in Department of Defense files. Although a small portion of the desired information was reported to be in these files, by far the greater portion was not. Accordingly, the Working Group had proceeded with the next step outlined in Para. 8 of their report, namely to "test" the remaining requirements on the contractors involved in production of the Nike I. Apparently, however, this Sept. 30 request to G-2 had not been responsible for the inquiries from Office of the Secretary of Defense levels - which had been concerned with the intentions of the EIC to implement collection of the counterpart data listed in the Working Group's far more extensive requirements manual - the only document which had come to OSD attention.)

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2. The Chairman further described his conversation with Mr. Klein of the OSD Research and Development Policy Council. The latter had reported that the specific request for contact with the Nike contractors would be considered at an OSD meeting and that representatives of the military services had been asked to state their views. The present special meeting of the EIC had been called in order to provide members with the above background information.

SIX MONTHS REPORT OF EIC WORKING GROUP ON GUIDED MISSILES

3. Discussion: The six months report of the Working Group was then considered together with a number of suggested clarifications and corrections which had been proposed by individual members (see EIC/D 117/2, revised, of 18 October 1955). It was generally felt that decisions as to the future of this Group should await the receipt of additional information from the Working Group as to progress under their previously assigned responsibilities, ~~and higher level decisions pending that might pertain to the mission of the Working Group.~~

4. Action: The EIC authorized the continuation of the Working Group under its original terms of reference until 31 December 1955 pending the determination of its future status.

The Executive Secretary was asked to request the Working Group to:

a. Rewrite its report and recommendations so as to incorporate more specific statements of progress in its assigned activities under Paras. 1 through 4 of its original terms of reference, and to identify more precisely its recommendations as called for under Paras. 1 through 3 of these terms of reference.

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b. Take account in this resubmission of a number of detailed textual corrections and clarifications which had been proposed by various EIC members (see EIC/D 117/2 revised 18 October 1955).

c. Bring up to date their statement of steps taken in connection with implementation of their proposed program for collection of counterpart data, including particularly the extent to which such data may already be available in Department of Defense files.

d. Estimate the costs involved in the carrying out of the Working Group's proposed counterpart program and the extent, if any, to which this might cause delays in U. S. guided missiles development and/or production.

e. Until further notice to make no contacts of contractors, in connection with EIC Working Group counterpart activities, without the specific consent of the EIC.

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Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee

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