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I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 29 October 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., * Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Mr. William McAfee, * acting for Director of Intelligence and
Research, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral C. B. Martell, acting Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

* Part of meeting

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1. Approval of Minutes
22 October Meeting
(IAC-M-312)

Approved as written.

2. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 377

Noted.

b. Soviet Internal Situation

The members discussed intelligence and information from various sources bearing on recent internal political developments in the USSR, particularly with respect to the possible significance of Zhukov's dismissal as Defense Minister. After their discussion the members agreed that this should be considered as a "crisis" situation and the Chairman noted that he expected to brief the NSC on these developments.

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c. Other Situations

The members discussed certain matters pertaining to the situation in Berlin.

Mr. Kent invited the members' attention to various factors which appeared to require a review of certain portions of the existing Argentine estimate. After he noted that a CIA memorandum had been prepared on this situation, the members agreed that this memorandum should be distributed to the agencies prior to next week's meeting, at which time the members would review the memorandum and consider

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its disposition, including the possibility of the preparation of a coordinated paper.

The Chairman referred to developments in Guatemala and Mr. Kent and [redacted] commented on this situation.

3. Initiation of SNIE
on Hong Kong

The Chairman and Mr. Cumming outlined the basis and nature of a requirement for a crash estimate on Hong Kong. After reviewing and suggesting certain modifications in draft terms of reference which were circulated at the meeting, the members agreed to initiate such an estimate, with a target date of 19 November for IAC consideration.

4. Memorandum re
Soviet Capabilities
and Intentions
(IAC-M-312, item 9 a)

Copies of a memorandum on various military factors affecting Soviet capabilities and intentions over the next five years, dated 28 October, were distributed to the members. The Chairman noted that this version of the memorandum, an earlier draft of which had been discussed at last week's IAC meeting and subsequently circulated to the members (IAC-M-312, item 9 a), incorporated changes which he and [redacted] had agreed to subsequent to that IAC meeting. The Chairman stated that he had been asked for a briefing on very short notice [redacted]

[redacted] and had briefed from this paper. However, he also noted that, in briefing, he had advised that various figures appearing in the paper had not been coordinated and that these questions were currently being reviewed by the US intelligence community. More specifically, the Chairman said that he had referred to the fact that the Air Force considered the heavy bomber figures given in the memorandum as too low. Following their discussion, the members agreed that this memorandum should be treated as an IAC document for purposes of the record. (See Secretary's Note No. 1.)

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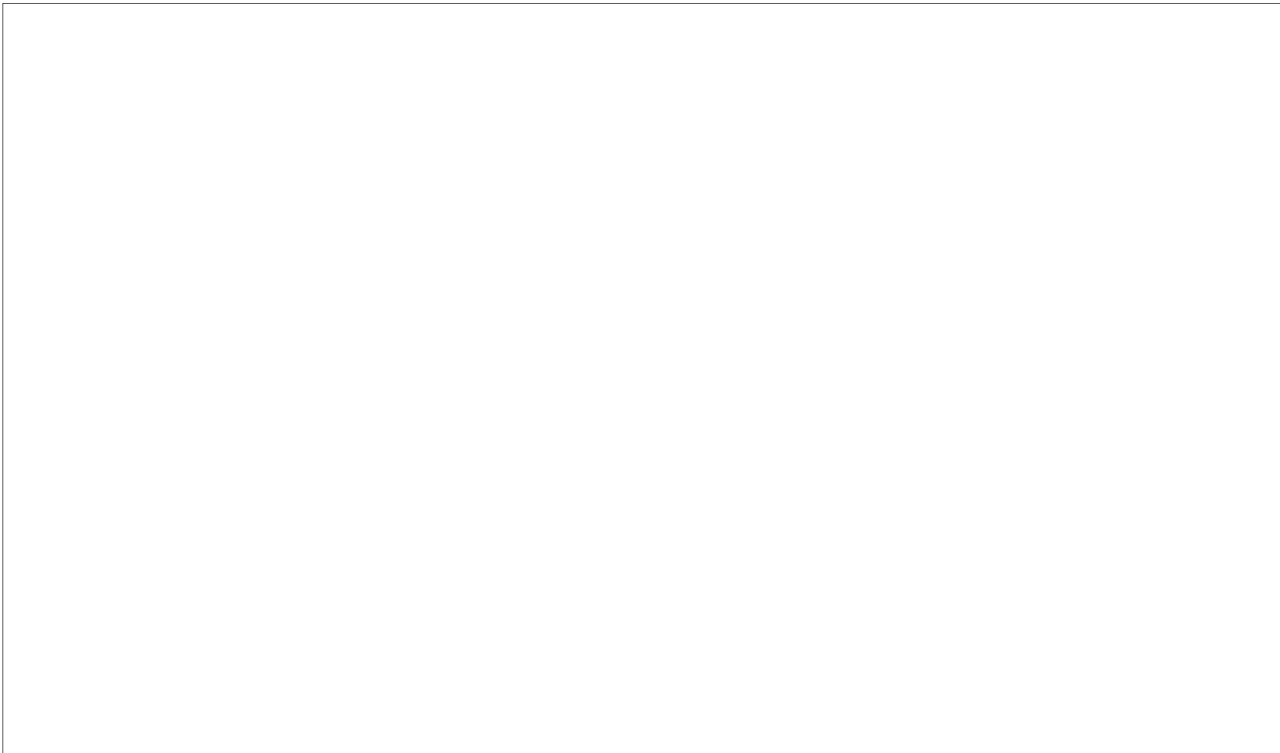
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5. Intelligence Considerations
Arising from Possible
Amendment of Atomic Energy
Act

The Chairman noted that the possibility of amending the Atomic Energy Act to permit a wider exchange of data with certain friendly countries was being studied. He suggested that Mr. Traynor follow this matter and advise the IAC of any significant developments from an intelligence viewpoint before any proposal is formalized and submitted to the President.

6. Memorandum re "Probable
Soviet Action in Various
Contingencies Affecting Syria"
(Memorandum, 22 October;
IAC-M-312, item 6)

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The Chairman reported on and discussed with the members recent developments in the Abel case.

9. Department of Defense
Study on Defense Against
Ballistic Missiles
(Report by Ad Hoc Committee,
24 October; IAC-M-310,
item 6 b)

The members noted the report of the working group on this proposal and discussed various relevant factors. During this discussion General Collins emphasized the necessity of treating the problem primarily as one involving estimates of future collection capabilities. Following their exchange of views, the members agreed that the study should be undertaken by a working group in the light of this discussion and on the basis of the assumed data given in the initial terms of reference (IAC-D-81/15, 30 September). In this connection, it was understood that the working group would consult further with WSEG regarding the realism of 1965 as the date for the assumed capabilities. It was also agreed that this be a high-level working group with maximum clearances, under a chairman to be selected by Mr. Dulles, and that the group should attempt to complete its work in about six weeks.

10. Budgetary Discussion

The members discussed certain matters bearing on the method of presenting items for budgetary purposes. It was agreed that the members should study their individual problems, and consult with their comptrollers and with the Bureau of the Budget on a working level, after which the IAC would again review these questions with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget from the standpoint of the manner of presenting any over-all budget for the intelligence community.

Adjournment: 1230

JOHN HEIRES
Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Unless requested to do so by a member, the Secretary does not propose to make any additional dissemination of the revised memorandum on various military factors affecting Soviet capabilities and intentions over the next five years, dated 28 October, which was distributed and discussed at the IAC meeting on 29 October. However, pursuant to the IAC decision that this memorandum be treated as an IAC document for record purposes, recipients are requested to add "IAC-D-110" in the upper right-hand corner of each of the pages, which number the IAC Secretariat will regard hereafter as its official designation.

2. In view of General Schow's request that the question of the release of certain NIS on Near and Middle East countries (IAC-D-45/12.19, 18 October 1957) be considered at a regular IAC meeting, this matter will be placed on the agenda of an early IAC meeting.

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