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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD PRINCIPALS

FROM: Mark J. Sullivan, Jr.
Executive Secretary, NFIB


SUBJECT: Minutes of the 233rd NFIB Meeting, 13 July 1988, 1000 Hours



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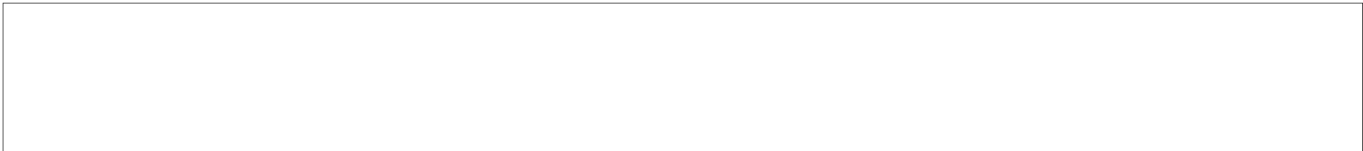
Summary of Decisions 


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The Chairman, Director of Central Intelligence Webster, with the concurrence of the NFIB principals, approved North Korea: Prospects for the Succession and Internal Stability (NIE 14.2-88), subject to a meeting of the representatives to clarify the Estimate's Key Judgments. 


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Minutes of the Meeting 


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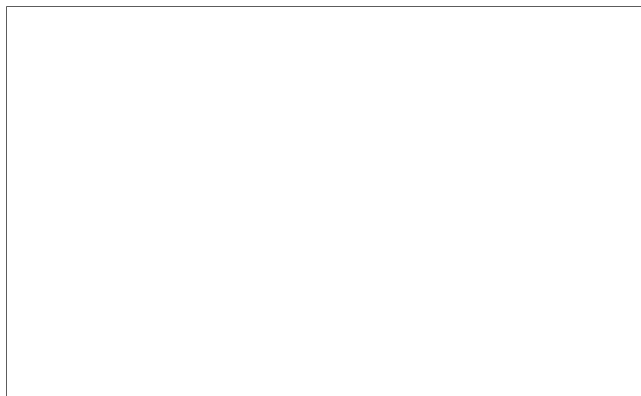
The Chairman, Director of Central Intelligence Webster, convened the meeting and welcomed BGen Beans, Director of Marine Corps Intelligence, to his first Board meeting. General Beans acknowledged the Chairman's welcome and expressed his pleasure at being a member of the Board. 

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2. North Korea: Prospects for the Succession and Political Stability (NIE 14.2-88) 

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The Chairman next noted the subject of the Estimate to be considered, which he characterized as interesting and useful. He also noted that three Korean issues aside from those treated by the Estimate are to be discussed.



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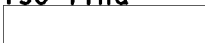
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The discussion will be helpful to him both because his views will be the better informed for having heard those of the other principals and because he will then be better be able to speak for the Intelligence Community on those occasions when he is so required. He hopes that the principals will also find it useful to be able to stay informed on others' views on key issues.



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The Estimate, the Chairman continued, is the first that looks at the succession in North Korea, a country that is one of those in this world that we know the least about, and about which we are least able to make predictions. It examines the prospects for the transfer of power from Kim Il-song to his son, Kim Chong-il, on a graduated basis. It also establishes some scenarios for political change, assesses their effects on political stability, and looks at the implications for the United States. The first Key Judgment highlights the limited information we have available on North Korea and cautions consumers that our predictions should be read with this lack in mind.



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The Chairman then turned the floor over to Mr. Ford, the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia. Mr. Ford, in turn, introduced the Estimate's drafter, of the Central Intelligence Agency, whom he described as a national treasure.



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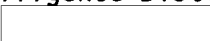


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Since its last meeting, the NFIB by telephone approved on 31 May 1988 the award of the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal to Captain William H. Dietrich, USN. 

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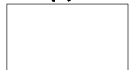


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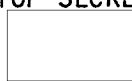
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Those Attending

Judge William H. Webster, Chairman
Mr. Robert M. Gates, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard J. Kerr, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency
Ambassador Morton I. Abramowitz, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, Department of State

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Mr. Jimmie D. Hill, Acting for Secretary of the Air Force
Mr. Randall M. Fort, Special Assistant to the Secretary (National Security), Department of Treasury
Mr. S. Eugene Bacher, Acting for Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence, Department of Energy
Mr. Thomas DuHadway, Acting for Executive Assistant Director for Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Captain James Eglin, USN, Acting for Director of Naval Intelligence
Major General Stanley Hyman, USA, Acting for Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Colonel Billy Bingham, USAF, Acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Brigadier General James Beans, USMC, Director of Intelligence

Those Attending

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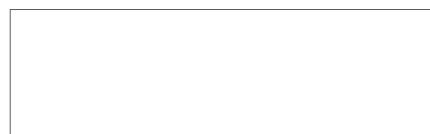
Mr. Fritz Ermarth, Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Mr. Carl Ford, National Intelligence Officer for East Asia

[Redacted] Deputy Director for Requirements and Evaluation, Intelligence Community Staff

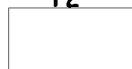
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Mr. Andre LeGallo, National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism
[Redacted] Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East Asia

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