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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 19 July 1951

Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
- Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army
- Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
- Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
- Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission
- *Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
- Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

- *Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
- *Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
- *Lieut. General C. R. Huebner, USA (Ret.), Central Intelligence
Agency
- *Colonel Wilmer K. Benson, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
- *Dr. Raymond J. Sontag, Central Intelligence Agency
- *Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency
- *Mr. Allen Dines, Central Intelligence Agency
- *Mr. Mose L. Harvey, Department of State
- *Mr. Gordon Arneson, Department of State
- *Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
- *Colonel M. B. De Pass, Department of the Army
- Colonel Benjamin B. Talley, Department of the Army
- *Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
- *Dr. A. K. Brewer, Department of the Navy
- Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
- *Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
- *Mr. Spurgeon M. Keeney, Department of the Air Force
- Colonel Frederick P. Munson, The Joint Staff

*James Q. Reber
Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

as per Staff Minutes

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SE-8 (G-2/3)

Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 5 July 1951 (IAC-M-34) were approved subject to the revision of the first sentence of paragraph 4, to read, "The opinion was expressed by some that if in spite of Chinese Communists, UN Forces should approach the Manchurian border, the USSR would consider the situation very serious and might feel that they had no alternative but to intervene directly."

Distribution of NIS Studies to SHAPE (IAC-D-26)

2. Action: It was agreed that G-2, using a JIC Committee, will suggest which sections should be released to SHAPE and will check this recommendation with State and CIA. G-2 will then transmit the material to SHAPE where it will receive a [] classification. It was understood that the system covered top secret as well as other material and that it would continue to apply to additional sections as they are published.

Dissemination of Watch Committee Reports to the British

3. Action: General Weckerling's proposal contained in his memorandum of 13 July 1951 was accepted. It was agreed to furnish the BJSM in Washington with a screened version of the Watch Committee Reports and supplements. A desire was expressed to receive more information from the British in return and particularly to get their prompt evaluation or further information with respect to important items in the Watch Committee Reports. It was agreed that there was no need for these arrangements to be approved by USCIB.

Likelihood of a Soviet Invasion of Japan During 1951 (NIE-37)

no record

4. Action: It was agreed to cancel work on this estimate.

Coordination on Over-All Estimate of Soviet Capabilities

5. General Smith mentioned a request which the NSC Staff was considering for the preparation of an over-all estimate on Soviet capabilities particularly with respect to a direct attack on the U. S. He pointed out that such an estimate would require a joint effort between the intelligence agencies and the planners or operators. It was agreed, however, that a pure intelligence estimate should be prepared as a point of departure and Dr. Langer was directed to take whatever steps are appropriate prior to receipt of the NSC request.

/ withheld in E.O. E90-0165
NIE 31 (4 Sep 51)

Soviet Capabilities of clandestine Attack Against the US/
Weapons of Mass Destruction

SE 10 (15 Sep 51) and SE 11 (22 Oct 51) released as 3117
- Soviet Capabilities For an Attack on the US -

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Collection Program Re: Indications
of Soviet Preparations for Attack on
Western Europe (IAC-D-27)

6. Action: Mr. Reber was directed to arrange a meeting of the IAC deputies to agree on a list of covert requirements in order of priority, concentrating on specific targets in each of the various areas. It was agreed that the resources and capabilities of the covert collectors must be taken into consideration in arriving at these priority requirements. It was pointed out that once the requirements and priorities had been stated the allocation of resources is entirely a CIA responsibility.

Soviet Capabilities and
Intentions (NIE-25)

released in E.O. review E 90-065 (DEC)
NIE 25 (30 Jul 51)

7. Action: This paper was returned to the IAC representatives for further discussion prior to IAC consideration.

Reorganization of Intelligence
in Germany

8. Action: No decision was reached but the members were asked to advise General Smith of their views at the next meeting.

9. Discussion: General Smith stated that CIA was not seeking the responsibility for coordination of intelligence activities in Germany but that he is willing to have General Truscott do the job if he is requested to do so. He pointed out that the IAC can only recommend since the final decision under NSCID No. 2 rests with High Commissioner McCloy or his successor.

Semi-Annual Estimate of the
Status of the Soviet Atomic
Energy Program (IAC-D-10/4)

10. Action: After considerable discussion the estimate was returned to the drafting committee with instructions to try to narrow the area of disagreement.