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N.I.A. 2nd Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 212  
Department of State Building  
on Friday, 8 February 1946, at 10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in the Chair  
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson  
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal  
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy,  
Personal Representative of the President  
Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers,  
Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Alfred McCormack, Department of State  
Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Department of State  
Mr. Davidson Sommers, War Department  
Capt. William R. Smedberg, USN

SECRETARIAT

Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., Central Intelligence Group

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1. PROPOSED TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
(N.I.A. 2)

SECRETARY BYRNES stated that he had discussed the intent of paragraph 4-a of the enclosure to N.I.A. 2 with the President, who assured him that only factual statements were desired. Secretary Byrnes therefore suggested adding the words "containing factual statements" after the word "summaries".

ADMIRAL SOUERS questioned whether daily factual summaries would not prove sufficient. He therefore recommended deletion of the words "and weekly" in paragraph 4-a.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 2 subject to rewording of paragraph 4-a of the enclosure thereto as follows:

- "a. Production of daily summaries containing factual statements of the significant developments in the field of intelligence and operations related to the national security and to foreign events for the use of the President, the members of this Authority, and additional distribution shown in Appendix 'C'."

2. PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
(N.I.A. 1)

ADMIRAL SOUERS suggested the following rewording of the 3rd and 4th sentences of paragraph 5 of the enclosure to N.I.A. 1, which had been suggested by Mr. McCormack's office for budgetary reasons:

"As approved by this Authority and within the limits of available appropriations, the necessary funds and personnel will be made available to you by arrangement between you and the appropriate member of the Intelligence Advisory Board. You may determine the qualifications of personnel and the adequacy of individual candidates."

ADMIRAL LEAHY thought that the arrangements should be made between Admiral Souers and the appropriate Department through its member on the Intelligence Advisory Board, rather than between Admiral Souers and the appropriate member of that Board.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 1 subject to the following rewording of the 3rd and 4th sentences of paragraph 5 of the enclosure thereto:

"As approved by this Authority and within the limits of available appropriations, the necessary funds and personnel will be made available to you by arrangement between you and the appropriate department through its member on the Intelligence Advisory Board. You may determine the qualifications of personnel and the adequacy of individual candidates."