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10 May 1951

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 10 May 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
Captain R. G. McCool, acting for 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. Calvin Hoover, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Raymond J. Sontag, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. M. E. Foster, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. R. Jack Smith, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Allen Dines, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State
Mr. Richard M. Scammon, Department of State
Brig. General John Weckerling, Department of the Army
*Colonel B. B. Talley, Department of the Army
Dr. H. E. Stearns, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel David Crist, Department of the Air Force
Captain J. P. Thew, USN, The Joint Staff

JAMES Q. REBER

Secretary

Intelligence Advisory Committee

*For part of the meeting only

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10 May 1951

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Montague History
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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1951 (IAC-M-29) were approved.

Intelligence for Civil Defense
(IAC-D-20/1)

2. Since the last meeting the IAC agencies have all concurred in the proposed memorandum (IAC-D-20/1) which is now being dispatched to the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

Vulnerabilities of Communist
China (SE-5)

title pub in FRUS
SE 5 (22 May 51)

3. Action: This paper was approved subject to certain revisions ~~and the redrafting of paragraphs 13 and 14~~ by the IAC representatives.

4. Discussion: There was considerable discussion of paragraphs 13 and 14 with regard to the probable Soviet counteraction to various measures of U. S. assistance to the Chinese Nationalists. The consensus of the meeting was that the extent of Soviet support to the Chinese Communists would depend on the extent of U. S. support of the Nationalists. The Sino-Soviet Treaty would be frequently referred to and might be formally invoked, although the Soviets would always act with complete cynicism in this regard. The committee agreed that, although unable to predict with accuracy what would happen, there would be a serious possibility of the open commitment of Soviet forces at that stage when U. S. operational support, in the estimation of the Soviets, brought the stability of the Chinese Communist regime into jeopardy. It was felt, however, that even this open commitment would not necessarily mean global war since the Russians would not declare war themselves and would not wittingly start a global war unless they were reasonably sure of winning it. It was not considered necessary or appropriate to attempt to predict whether the U. S. would regard the open commitment of Soviet forces against U. S. forces as tantamount to a declaration of general war.

German Attitudes towards
Remilitarization (NIE-24)

No record
NIE 24

5. Action: This estimate was approved with the understanding that a note would appear after paragraphs 6 and 20, giving the substitute wording preferred by G-2. A note would also appear at the end of paragraph 9, giving the additional wording desired by G-2.

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Intelligence Implications of a
Census and Verification of Armed
Forces and Armaments (SE-4)

Withheld in E.O. review E. (DIF)
SE 4 (12 May 51)
(title etc pub in FRUS)

6. Action: This paper was approved with modifications, and a special restricted distribution was agreed on.

Probability of a Communist
Attack on Japan during 1951
(IAC-D-21)

7. Action: It was agreed that the proposed estimate should be undertaken.

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Probability of a Communist
Assault on Japan in
1951
(SAN in 105-0037)
* see 9 Aug 51 minutes

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