INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building Central Intelligence Agency, on 10 Sept. 1951

Director of Central Intelligence
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. Arnold Kramish, acting for Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
Colonel Chester H. Hance, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Hiram Stout, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Allen Dines, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Colonel C. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Colonel Benjamin B. Talley, 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
Lieut. Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrzt, Federal Bureau of Investigation

James Q. Reber
Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 10 September 1951 (IAC-M-43) were approved.

Release to SHAPE of Summary of Watch Committee Report (IAC-D-35)

2. Action: It was agreed that G-2, acting on the advice of the Watch Committee, will supply the necessary Summary and will insure that its contents are appropriate for SHAPE use.

Draft Annex 6 for Revision of NSC 68/4 (IAC-D-29/2)

3. Action: This paper will be redrafted and circulated for the concurrence of the IAC members.

4. Discussion: General Smith pointed out that the inability of the working representatives to agree on paragraph 8 indicated a feeling at the working level that the IAC was not as effective as he had supposed. He proposed that a Board be appointed to investigate the situation and make recommendations for improvement. The Service Members felt, however, that such a Board was not required at the present time. They reiterated their high regard for the IAC, whose activation was described as an outstanding development which had enabled significant forward strides to be made. The Service Members apparently felt that their representatives who had worked on the paper had had little experience with the IAC and were overly impressed by the minor difficulties encountered in interagency collaboration.

Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the U. S.

5. Action: It was agreed that the target date would be 15 October for completion of Part A of this project. (see NSC directive circulated 30 August by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council and approved by NSC Action 543.) It was understood that the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference would have Part B ready prior to that time. General Partridge was requested on the basis of this date to get an estimated date of completion for Part C from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Keay will undertake to get a similar estimate from the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security with regard to Part D. General Partridge was also asked to discuss with the planners procedures for producing the final evaluation that is required. It was agreed that the terms of reference should be expanded to cover Alaska, Panama and Canada as appropriate. The papers should be written to deal with the situation prior to mid-1952.
Soviet Capabilities for Surprise Attack on the Continental United States before July 1952. (SE-10)

6. Action: This estimate was approved with minor changes, it being understood that the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference would supply a revision of their section of the paper. It was agreed that the distribution of this estimate should be the same as for NIE's except that additional copies would be provided for the JCS and the NSC Senior Staff. It was understood that the Federal Civil Defense Administration would not receive a copy but that each agency should make available to it the information it needs.

7. Action: This paper was approved subject to certain revisions and to the substitution of new figures on Air Force strength.

Probable Developments in the Kashmir Dispute to the End of 1951 (NIE-41)

8. Action: The Progress Report was noted and no changes in priority were thought necessary. It was agreed to undertake a review of the estimate on Iraq (NIE-6) and to study the current Soviet position in the light of the San Francisco conference and developments at Kaesong.