INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 3 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
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for 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. C. D. DeLoach, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal
Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Lieut. General Clarence R. Huebner, USA (Ret.), Central
Intelligence Agency
Colonel J. W. Moreau, USMC (Ret.), Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Calvin Hoover, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Allen Dines, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Richard M. Scammon, Department of State
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Mr. 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 Edwin S. Leland, Department of the Air Force
Captain J. P. Thew, USN, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary
Mr. James Q. Reber
Central Intelligence Agency

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 26 April 1951 (IAC-M-28) were approved.

Data on European Industry (IAC-D-19)

2. Action: The proposed plan to preserve data on European industry was approved. The State Department will make the necessary arrangements with ECA and thereafter European field offices will be notified.

Intelligence for Civil Defense (IAC-D-20)

3. Action: Mr. Reber was instructed to draft a letter embodying the sense of the discussion and to clear it with the agencies before it is sent to the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

4. Discussion: It was the sense of the discussion that FCDA should approach each IAC agency directly and there should be no executive agent. If FCDA is in doubt as to which agency to go to, it should come to CIA, which will advise on the matter. If more than one agency is involved in a particular request, CIA will collect contributions from them and assemble a reply for FCDA. It was felt that the IAC should not approve the list submitted by Mr. Babbit, but that within the limits of their responsibility and judgment each agency should make available as much as possible of the intelligence that FCDA needs. Where it is not appropriate to pass the intelligence itself, the agencies would undertake to give appropriate guidance.

Probability of an Invasion of Yugoslavia in 1951 (NIE-29/1)

5. Action: This paper was approved subject to certain revisions.

German Attitudes on Rearmament (NIE-24)

6. Action: Without discussing the substance of this paper, it was referred back to the IAC representatives together with the State Department comments. The IAC will meet to discuss the paper as soon as the representatives have something ready.

Berlin Blockade

7. Action: At the suggestion of the Air Force it was agreed to ask the intelligence representatives in Germany to give an estimate of the likelihood of a reimposition of the Berlin Blockade. Collection agencies should also focus on this problem.