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6 November 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 6 November 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
30 October Meeting
(IAC-M-263)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 326

Noted this report.

3. Review of Arab-Israeli
and Suez Situations

a. The Chairman stated that, subsequent to the special IAC meeting of the previous evening (which had adjourned at 0100), he had requested that formal circularization of the estimate approved at that meeting (SNIE 11-9-56) be withheld in order that he might again review the paper in the morning. Mr. Dulles noted also that he had taken the estimate as a draft to the White House during the morning (6 November) where it had been personally read by the President.

b. Mr. Dulles then referred to late information and intelligence from various sources, particularly that bearing on the Middle East situation, and stated that he would ask the IAC members to reconsider SNIE 11-9-56.

c. Army Briefing. Army representatives gave a briefing on the military situation in the Middle East, especially with respect to developments affecting ground forces.

d. SNIE 11-9-56
Sino-Soviet Intentions
in the Suez Crisis

Following distribution of a proposed revision of SNIE 11-9-56, the members discussed this draft and approved the proposed revision, as amended.

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e. Navy Briefing. General Cabell introduced a naval representative who briefed the members on matters affecting the naval situation in the Middle East.

f. Air Force Briefing. Air Force representatives reviewed Middle Eastern developments, particularly with respect to relative air force strengths and current or potential air activities.

25X6

4. SNIE 11-8-56
Likelihood of Soviet Violation of Austrian Neutrality

While considering this estimate, which had been prepared to meet a White House requirement, the members reviewed various relevant matters, including a special report received by General Schow and certain State Department communications. Following their discussion, the members approved the estimate, as amended.

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5. Release of Estimates to Foreign Governments

a. SNIE 12-2-56
Probable Developments in East Europe and Implications for Soviet Policy
(Memorandum to IAC, 1 November)

25X1

Agreed not to release this estimate to any foreign government.

6. Review of Developments in East Europe

General Cabell noted that significant recent developments in East Europe had been considered by the members in connection with their discussion of other agenda items, particularly the Watch Committee report, the review of the related Middle Eastern situation and their consideration of SNIE 11-8-56.

7. Release of SNIE 11-9-56
Sino-Soviet Intentions in the Suez Crisis

A question having been raised as to whether SNIE 11-9-56 should be released to the UK and/or Canada, the members agreed that this estimate should not be released to those governments.

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8. Executive Session

Pursuant to General Cabell's request at 1335, the members remained for a brief executive session.

Adjournment: 1345

[redacted] 25X1

Acting Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of [redacted] 25X1 and SNIE 12-2-56, "Probable Developments in East Europe and Implications for Soviet Policy," both dated 30 October 1956 (IAC-M-263, 30 October 1956, Secretary's Note 1).

2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA SNIE 11-8-56, "Likelihood of Soviet Violation of Austrian Neutrality," SNIE 11-9-56, "Sino-Soviet Intentions in the Suez Crisis," and 25X6 [redacted] all dated 6 November 1956.

[redacted] 25X1

25X6

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Robert Amory
Mr. Sherman Kent
25X1 [redacted]
Mr. Otto Guthe
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.
Mr. Huntington Sheldon
25X1 [redacted]

Department of State

Mr. Boris Klosson
Mr. Harold Glidden
Mr. Albert Irving

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Owen
Mr. J. D. Stoddart
Lieutenant Colonel R. Delaney
Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Pratt

Department of the Navy

Captain J. B. Carroll
Commander E. C. Blonts

Department of the Air Force

Colonel P. D. Wynne
Colonel E. M, Kirton
Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Woods, Jr.
Major Grady Dean
Colonel C. J. Stattler, Jr.
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