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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 14 February 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes
7 February Meeting
(IAC-M-229)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 288

Noted.

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5. NIE on Spain Scheduled

The IAC agreed to schedule an estimate on Spain for April 1956.

6. Report and Charter of Watch Committee of the IAC
(IAC-D-6/13, 8 February 1956;
DCID 1/2, 11 May 1954)

a. The Committee agreed to change the format of the Watch Committee Report in accordance with the sample report, as amended.

b. The IAC also approved a change in the reporting practices of the Watch Committee to obtain IAC approval of Watch Committee Reports before they are circulated throughout the intelligence community.

c. General Cabell then stated that the Watch Committee required guidance from the IAC concerning the interpretation of paragraph C. 2. b. of DCID 1/2, "Terms of Reference, Watch Committee of the IAC." He said that the Watch Committee members have been unable to agree whether such matters as the Soviet economic and diplomatic offensive in uncommitted areas, and the Arab-Israeli situation, were proper subjects for inclusion in Watch Committee Reports. Mr. Armstrong said that he was concerned that Watch Committee consideration of such topics would detract from its primary mission of analyzing indications of hostile military action by the Bloc which endangers the security of the United States. He also stated that Watch Committee reporting, if it included items other than indications of hostile Bloc action, would amount to coordinated current intelligence, which he felt was not a function of the Watch Committee. General Samford suggested that indications of probabilities rather than intentions of hostile Soviet action should be considered by the Watch Committee.

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d. Mr. Dulles suggested, and the members agreed, that the IAC members submit to the Secretary proposed revisions of DCID 1/2, with emphasis upon the Preamble and paragraphs B and C.

e. Pending further IAC action, and without prejudice to the ultimate scope and function of the Watch Committee, the IAC further agreed:

(1) The Watch Committee should include consideration of the Arab-Israeli situation in preparing its reports;

(2) Section D of the revised format of the Watch Committee Report will be entitled "Other Significant Soviet Bloc Actions Affecting Indications of Hostilities."

f. Mr. Armstrong noted that there has apparently been a significant change in the members' views of the function of the Watch Committee. He suggested that the minutes of the IAC ad hoc committee which drafted DCID 1/2 be studied in connection with the preparation of proposed revisions of DCID 1/2.

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Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.
Mr. Huntington Sheldon
Mr. Sherman Kent

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Department of the Army

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