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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 29 March 1955

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State
Major General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 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
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission Representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Huntington D. Sheldon, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State
Mr. Richard W. Tims, Department of State
Mr. Clinton E. Knox, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel V. J. Fenili, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel John H. Donaldson, Jr., Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel H. S. Lowe, Department of the Army
Captain Bruce E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy
Lieutenant Commander Joseph B. Sullivan, Department of the Navy
Colonel James L. Cole, United States Air Force
Colonel Willis B. Sawyer, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force
Mr. Donald F. Benjamin, United States Air Force
Colonel Floyd E. Dunn, USA, The Joint Staff
Captain Poyntell C. Staley, Jr., USN, The Joint Staff

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1. Approval of Minutes
15 March 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-187)
16 March 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-188)
18 March 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-189)

Approved as written.

The Chairman noted with appreciation the prompt establishment of the IAC Current Intelligence Group for the Formosa Straits Problem pursuant to the action of the IAC on 18 March. Organized on 19 March, the group began issuing daily reports on 21 March.

2. Quarterly Revision of the Program of National Intelligence Estimates
(ONE Memorandum dated 23 March 1955)

Approved. An addition to the program was noted, namely NIE 100-4/1-55 "Morale on Taiwan," undertaken at the request of the Department of State.

3. Current Situation and Probable Developments in Hungary
(NIE 12.5-55)

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5. Coordination of Intelligence Activities Regarding the Formosa Straits Situation (IAC-D-91/2, 28 March 1955)

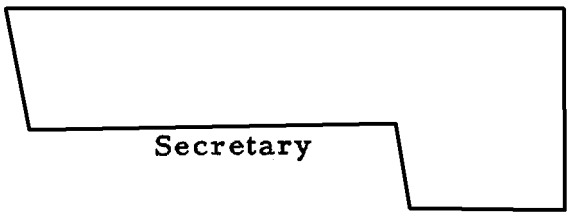
Action on this paper was deferred pending further study by the members. The Chairman requested that, if possible, the members make their views known before the next meeting, scheduled for 12 April. He ascertained that the FBI and AEC members did not have an immediate interest in the matter but would be kept advised. It was agreed to change the word "could" to "should" in the third sentence of paragraph 6b and to reference DCID 5/1 in paragraph 7a.

6. Comments of Admiral Stump on NIE 100-4-55

The Chairman read the comments of Admiral Stump on a summary of NIE 100-4-55 "Communist Capabilities and Intentions with Respect to the Offshore Islands and Taiwan through 1955, and Communist and Non-Communist Reactions with Respect to the Defense of Taiwan" which CIA had circulated to the field. He directed the Secretary to provide the members with copies of the summary and of Admiral Stump's comments thereon.

7. Executive Session

At 1205 the Chairman requested the members to remain for an Executive Session. Following a discussion of certain aspects of the Offshore Island situation, it was agreed that the IAC Current Intelligence Group for the Formosa Straits Problem would hereafter produce weekly a roundup of events designed to provide reader continuity.



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Secretary's Note

1. As noted in the minutes above, the next meeting of the IAC is scheduled for 12 April at 1045.

2. No objections having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized that the following estimates be released to USIA:

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NIE 100-4-55: "Communist Capabilities and Intentions with Respect to the Offshore Islands and Taiwan through 1955, and Communist and Non-Communist Reactions with Respect to the Defense of Taiwan"

3. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, NIE 12.5-55 "Current Situation and Probable Developments in Hungary" [redacted] 25X1

4. The following estimates have been released to foreign governments as indicated:

NIE 11-55: "Probable Soviet Response to the Ratification of the Paris Agreements," [redacted] 25X1

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