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**INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 25 May 1954**

**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**
- Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff**
- Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission  
Representative to the IAC**
- Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**ALSO PRESENT**

- Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, Central Intelligence Agency**
- Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency**
- [Redacted] Central Intelligence Agency**
- Mr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency**
- Dr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency**
- [Redacted] Central Intelligence Agency**

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State  
Mr. J. W. Lydman, Department of State  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobson, Department of State  
Lt. Colonel Vasco J. Fenili, Department of the Army  
Lt. Colonel John Arthur, Department of the Army  
Lt. Colonel James G. Martin, Department of the Army  
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy  
Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force  
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force  
Colonel William S. Boyd, United States Air Force  
Colonel Lawrence D. Bell, United States Air Force  
Lt. Colonel Julius Z. Mims, United States Air Force  
Lt. Colonel Clyde C. Wooten, United States Air Force  
Rear Admiral E. T. Layton, The Joint Staff  
Colonel John E. Leary, The Joint Staff  
Commander R. M. Niles, The Joint Staff

JAMES Q. REBER  
Acting Secretary

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Approval of Minutes  
(IAC-M-153, 20 May)

1. Action: Approved.

Reconsideration of NIE 13-54,  
"Communist China's Power  
Potential Through 1957"

2. Action: Approved as amended. [redacted] 25X1

Proposed Release of  
NIE 11-3A-54 to

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3. Action: Agreed to postpone final consideration until the next meeting.

4. Discussion: [redacted] explained that NIE 65, which had included data on the same subject as the current estimate and classified as Top Secret, had been released [redacted] 25X1

5. The Air Force had submitted this proposal for release to the State-Defense Military Information Committee (SD-MIC) and while the State Department had concurred, with the Army and Navy non-concurring, the request for an SD-MIC ruling had now been withdrawn on the ground that action on this release by SD-MIC was not required. General Samford explained that he had come to this view on the ground that within the purview of paragraph 5b of NSCID-1, SD-MIC policy pertained only to U.S. military information such as information on military hardware. It was General Samford's opinion, concurred in by [redacted] that the paper proposed for release did not reveal intelligence methods. 25X1

6. There was some discussion of the relationship between SD-MIC and the IAC in regard to the question of authority for release of military information. While this relationship was not completely clarified, it was noted that the military intelligence chiefs are both IAC members and responsible for Defense participation in SD-MIC.

7. [redacted]

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Colonel Bell pointed out that the President's memorandum to all Departments and Agencies of May 25, 1953, which pertained to the release of information to foreign governments, had been amended by a supplementing Presidential memorandum to the Secretary of Defense bearing on the release of intelligence and intelligence information to foreign governments. He explained that the need-to-know requirement as stated in the first cited memorandum could be waived in the presence of a judgment of net advantage to the United States. The Chairman suggested that the members give further consideration to this matter for action at the next meeting.

Communist Capabilities  
in Indochina (NIE 10-3-54)

8. Action: Approved as amended.

Proposed Release of  
NIE 63-3-54 [redacted]

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9. Action: Approved release [redacted]  
(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Armstrong reported receipt of General Smith's concurrence, pending which, final approval had been withheld at the meeting.)

Matters for NSC Briefing

10. The Chairman said that he would appreciate receiving any late intelligence regarding the status of the Chinese offshore islands, particularly the Ta-ch'en group, in view of reported Chinese Communist activities which might bear upon an attempt to seize the islands.

11. He also requested any later information on activities in the Indochina delta region.

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Secretary's Notes:

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1. All agencies having concurred in the proposed release [redacted] of NIE 65-54, "The Political Outlook for Indonesia Through 1954," (memo from ONE to IAC dated 5 May 1954), this estimate was released on 26 May 1954.

2. The Board of National Estimates has recommended the non-release to any foreign government of NIE 10-3-54, "Communist Capabilities in Indochina," (memo from ONE to IAC dated 23 May 1954).