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Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1215, 12 April 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert H. Wienecke, acting for Assistant Chief of
Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral C. B. Martell, acting for 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. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Situation in Jordan

The members discussed intelligence and information from various sources bearing on the situation in Jordan. During their exchange of views the members reviewed both matters affecting internal stability, such as political maneuvering and the loyalty and cohesiveness of the Jordanian armed forces, and the nature of possible external threats.

2. Communication from
President's Board of
Consultants
(Memorandum to DCI, 18 March;
IAC-M-283, item 7; IAC-M-284,
item 7)

The Chairman referred to a communication which he had received from the President's Board of Consultants with respect to current intelligence activities of the intelligence community, and stated that he desired to discuss this matter with the members and seek guidance from them on the nature of his reply.

The Chairman then outlined and discussed with the members various considerations bearing on the production of current intelligence. Noting the current intelligence publications now prepared by CIA, the Chairman touched on matters such as the sources and methods used, and the extent of the dissemination of such publications. He also stressed the practical difficulty of publishing current intelligence in time to be of value to the consumer if there were also a requirement for coordination of such data within the community prior to publication.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Armstrong noted that current intelligence could not be "coordinated" and remain "current." He emphasized that the chief value of current intelligence lay in its timeliness, referred to possible methods of increasing departmental consultation in the production of current intelligence by CIA without attempting formal coordination of such data, and stated that the primary editorial judgment and responsibility for production should remain with CIA. Various other members indicated their general agreement with

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the Chairman and Mr. Armstrong. In addition, the members reviewed other aspects of this problem including present arrangements for advance informal clearance of military items by CIA with the military agencies, and the recommendation of technical items for publication. Reference was also made to studies of the extent of similarity between the substantive content of CIA publications and current intelligence publications produced by other agencies, internal requirements of agencies for producing departmental current intelligence publications for special consumers, and certain relevant security considerations.

Following this discussion, the Chairman suggested that there be more systematized consultation between CIA and the agencies with respect to the current intelligence produced by CIA, particularly in terms of suggestions of items for publication, timely comments and general recommendations for improvement by the other agencies. The Chairman then noted, and the members concurred, that a draft reply to the President's Board of Consultants would be prepared in the light of this discussion and possibly circulated for further consideration by the members before it was forwarded to the President's Board.

3. Visit to Continental Air
Defense Command

General Cabell referred to a renewed invitation to the members to visit CONAD and discussed briefly the proposed timing for such a visit.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.
Mr. Sherman Kent
Mr. Huntington Sheldon

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