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I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 12 February 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T

- 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
29 January Meeting
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Approved as written.

2. Review of Crisis Situations
 - a. Watch Committee Reports
No. 339 and No. 340

Noted these reports.

- b. Situation in Jordan

The members discussed a CIA report on this situation, dated 11 February, which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. They also exchanged views on other information and intelligence from various sources bearing on developments in Jordan.

The members then discussed the nature of the formal action which the IAC should take with respect to this report. After various members had expressed their views, the Chairman stated, and the members concurred, that the action in this instance should not be considered tantamount to IAC approval of, or concurrence in, specific language in the paper, as in the case of estimates, but rather should be construed to reflect general agreement that the situation outlined was sufficiently critical to warrant calling it to the attention of policy makers and the principals of IAC members. With respect to specific dissemination, Mr. Dulles proposed, and the members agreed, that the report, as amended, be passed to the White House, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General Cutler, as well as to IAC members. In response to a query by General Lewis, the Chairman emphasized that he suggested distribution to these particular recipients because of his responsibility, as intelligence advisor to the NSC, to keep members of the NSC informed as to such developments, and that individual IAC members should continue to be the normal channels for transmission of such intelligence

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to their principals. The members also considered and (in renewed discussion following item 6) approved the form of the covering memorandum to be used in disseminating this report.



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6. NIE 12-57
Stability and Cohesion of the
Soviet Satellite Structure

After a discussion of this paper, the Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that final action be deferred until the next regular meeting of the IAC. It was also agreed that, prior to further

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action by the IAC, the IAC representatives should consider this estimate again in the light of this discussion and any additional review by individual members.

7. NSC Communications

The Chairman outlined and discussed generally with the members certain communications from the National Security Council bearing on activities of the IAC or individual components of the intelligence community.

8. Executive Session

At 1240, the Chairman requested an executive session.

Adjournment: 1300



Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. All of the IAC agencies have concurred, as of 5 February, in the recommendations of the Board of National Estimates with respect to the preparation of an estimate on the impact of the Middle East situation on world developments (Memorandum to IAC, 30 January 1957).

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.
Mr. Sherman Kent
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.



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Department of State

Mr. Thomas Larson
Mr. Richard K. Stuart
Mr. Richard Tims

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Pratt
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman
Major Philip H. Dunbar
Major George Van Laethen
Captain Edwin R. Van Deusen

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Colonel H. E. Cotter
Lieutenant Colonel Boyd Hart
Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel E. G. Van Orman, USMC
Colonel Charles H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA
Captain Gordon Fowler, USN
Colonel E. G. Davis, USAF

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz