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24 September 1957

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 24 September 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant, 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, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
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. Approval of Minutes
17 September Meeting
18 September Meeting
(IAC-M-307; IAC-M-308)

a. Approved the minutes for the meetings on 17 September and 18 September as written.

b. In connection with their review of the minutes for 18 September, the members agreed not to release SNIE 11-8-57 to USIA. Mr. Kent also commented on the sensitivity of this estimate and the members concurred in the view that it be held closely.

2. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 372

Noted.

b. Sensitive Situations

The members discussed various aspects of the Syrian situation, including possible Syrian troop movements, Saudi-Arabian attitudes toward Syrian developments, Soviet naval activities in that area and Bloc arms shipments to Syria. During this discussion Admiral Frost reported in some detail on the nature and volume of Bloc shipping to Syria in 1957.

Mr. Cumming invited the members' attention to certain recent developments in Libya, particularly with respect to future US base arrangements and Libyan attitudes regarding the adequacy and sources of foreign aid.

The Chairman noted that he had briefed the NSC recently on the Indonesian situation, and then exchanged views with the members on developments in that area, especially on reports concerning results of the round-table conference.

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With respect to Thailand, Mr. Dulles commented that the latest reports were more encouraging and discussed with the members matters such as the political orientation of Thai leaders and the possible role played by the King in recent events.

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c. Future "Crisis Situation" Procedures

The Chairman referred to certain problems which could arise under the "crisis situation" procedure presently being followed by the IAC. Mr. Kent outlined possible changes in the method of describing the situations discussed and recording the action taken. The members then concurred in suggestions by the Chairman and Mr. Kent that hereafter the second agenda item and the corresponding item in the minutes be carried as "Situation Review," with the Watch Committee Report and "Review of Sensitive Situations" as subheadings. It was also agreed that when the members concluded after discussion that a true "crisis" situation existed, the record should reflect that fact and the nature of any action taken.

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Admiral Frost reported on the substance of his recent conversations with the US Naval Attache stationed in Warsaw regarding travel and general conditions in Poland.

4. Annual Report to IAC of the Resistance Intelligence Committee for Fiscal Year 1956-57
(IAC-D-75/9, 12 September)

Noted this report. Mr. Kent and Mr. Larson also reported orally on progress made in the preparation of the forthcoming estimate on anti-Communist resistance potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

5. SNIE 11-9-57
Possible Soviet Action in Various Contingencies Affecting Syria
 - a. Approved as amended.
 - b. Agreed not to release this estimate to USIA.
6. Executive Session

At 1135 the Chairman requested an executive session.

Adjournment: 1145



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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. Sherman Kent

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Mr. Huntington Sheldon

Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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Department of State

Mr. Thomas B. Larson

Mr. J. P. Moffat

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt

Lieutenant Colonel Howard E. Thompson

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

United States Air Force

Colonel Harold Cotter

Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

Mr. John Power

The Joint Staff

Colonel E. G. Van Orman, USMC

Colonel R. H. Agnew, USA

Colonel G. G. Deverall, USAF