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13 May 1958

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, 13 May 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. Gordon Arneson, acting for Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
- Major General R. H. Wienecke, acting Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
- Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, acting Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
- Major General James H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
- Brigadier General Richard Collins, 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 Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
6 May Meeting
(IAC-M-340)

Approved as written, subject to the following amendment of the third line of paragraph 5 b: delete the words "first four" and substitute "second, third and fourth."

2. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 405

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

Mr. Arneson informed the members regarding a recent message from Ambassador McClintock and the members discussed the situation in Lebanon in considerable detail, especially matters such as the stability of the government, the attitude of the military, pertinent external factors and possible implications for the US of these developments.

The members also referred to the situations in Indonesia, Venezuela and Algeria (the latter in executive session).

3. Ad Hoc Working Group Report
on Arab-Israeli Situation
(Report, dated 1 May, and special
Supplement available through
working group representatives)

a. The members noted this report, with the understanding that page 1 of the annex on Soviet Bloc arms holdings in the Egyptian Sector (UAR) would be revised to reflect a higher figure for the MIG 15/17 jet fighters, when that figure is considered firm by the Air Force, and circulated to holders of the report.

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b. The Chairman referred to certain statements presently carried on the cover of these reports pursuant to an earlier decision of the IAC (IAC-M-239, 8 May 1956, item 5 b) and the members concurred in his suggestion that hereafter the statement that "This paper has not been specifically approved by the IAC itself" should be deleted. It was also agreed that, in the future, these reports normally would be noted at the first IAC meeting following clearance by the working group and prior to the general distribution of the report; however, it was also understood that situations might develop which would require a report to be cleared by the IAC agencies and given general dissemination immediately following its completion by the working group and prior to the next regular IAC meeting.

4. NIE 13-58
Communist China

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Admiral Schuirmann stated that a post-mortem and validity study would be presented for IAC consideration at a later meeting.
- c. No member objected to the release of this estimate to USIA.

5. Executive Session

At 1200 the Chairman requested an executive session.

Adjournment: 1255



Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. The letter to the Secretary of the Navy, approved by the IAC on 6 May, was dispatched on 14 May, following notification by Mr. Cumming's office that the Exchange Committee had no objections to providing a mass spectrometer to the USSR (IAC-M-340, item 7).
2. The list of IAC members present at the meeting of 29 April (IAC-M-339) should be revised to indicate that "Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, Acting Director of Naval Intelligence" represented the Department of the Navy rather than Rear Admiral Frost.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

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

[Redacted]
Dr. Otto E. Guthe

[Redacted]

Department of State

Mr. William McAfee
Mr. Fred Armstrong

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel William A. Hussey
Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt
Major Philip H. Dunbar

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell
Lieutenant-Commander P. W. Palmer

Department of the Air Force

Colonel James F. Berry
Lieutenant Colonel Paul A. Tisdale
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

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The Joint Staff

Colonel Dale Darby, USA
Colonel Lee Miller, USA
Mr. John Easton