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MINUTES OF MEETING OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON IGY

8 April 1958

PRESENT:

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1. The IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges has requested the views of the Informal Working Group on the IGY with regard to a possible exchange of one scientist from the US and one from the USSR for the purpose of taking gravimetric measurements. The background papers in this matter were distributed to the members of the Working Group.

[REDACTED] presented a proposed draft reply to the Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges, which was reviewed and discussed. In the absence of the ATIC member, it was felt that final action on [REDACTED] proposed reply could not be taken. It was agreed that each member would review [REDACTED] draft, and inform [REDACTED] of his concurrence or comments as soon as possible, preferably before close of business 16 April.

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2. With regard to the proposal for exchange of rockets and satellite instrumentation (paragraph 2, minutes of meeting of 18 March 1958), [REDACTED] reported that the U.S. National Committee for the IGY had written to the Department of State requesting the position of the government with respect to the proposed exchanges. The letter also stated that the Executive Committee of the USNC endorsed the exchanges from a scientific point of view. The Science Advisor of the Department proposed that this matter be referred to OCB for determination of the government's position. It appeared, therefore, that any intelligence considerations would necessarily have to be expressed by each agency concerned through its OCB representative.

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25X9 3. With regard to the Soviet request for permission for their hydrographic vessel Vitaz to visit Honolulu and San Francisco, (paragraph 4, minutes of meeting of 18 March 1958), the Working Group noted that [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 4. The Working Group discussed various aspects of the problem of possible continuation of the IGY in one form or another after December, 1958. [REDACTED] suggested that the most feasible form of continuation would be through programs undertaken individually in their specific fields by the international scientific unions affiliated with ICSU. Continuation of IGY type activity in this way would have the additional advantage of diluting and fragmenting Soviet influence in the program and reduce opportunities for Soviet propaganda exploitation.

5. The next meeting of the Informal Working Group on the IGY will take place on 29 April 1958 in Room 621, State Annex 1.

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