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AD HOC COMMITTEE TO PLAN CONSULTANT PANEL

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 145  
Barton Hall, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 11:00 AM, 18 February 1957

Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.  
Chairman

PRESENT

Colonel William L. Walker, AFOIN  
Colonel Richard Stewart, AFOIN  
Lt. Colonel Byrd Sergeant, OACSI  
Lt. Colonel William R. Parr, OACSI

Captain George M. Clifford, ONI  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, AEC  
Dr. Charles Reichardt, AEC  
[REDACTED], CIA

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Clearances

1. After discussing the background which led up to the directive for convening the panel of consultants, the chairman led the committee in a discussion of appropriate clearances to be held by the consultants. It was agreed the consultants should each have Top Secret and Restricted Data clearances or must be certified for access to Restricted Data. Discussions at the panel will be held to these levels. Services and AEC will certify clearances for their consultants to CIA.

Composition of Panel

2. After considerable discussion on the possible consultants to use in the panel, it was agreed that the panel should be composed as indicated below with alternates as noted:

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Mr. Scoville will act as chairman and [REDACTED] as secretary for the 25X1A9a meeting.

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Plans for Panel Meeting

4. It was agreed that the earliest time to be considered for convening the consultant panel would be the first week of March.

Community Participation in Panel

5. It was agreed that Army, Navy, Air Force, AEC and CIA would limit their representation to two persons, one of whom would be the spokesman. These representatives, of course, will have to have Top Secret and access to Restricted Data.

Procedure for Panel to Follow

6. It was agreed that the procedure for the consultant panel to follow would be, in general, as follows:

25X1A9a a. Thorough PI briefing to be given by Mr. Lundahl-  
[REDACTED] (this will be a repeat for some of the consultants but is believed necessary).

b. The general possibilities considered likely by the intelligence community will be pointed up (using JAEIC-OMIC paper). This will not include conclusions of paper.

c. Free discussion of panel begins.

d. Presentation of [REDACTED] conclusions and discussions (on a non-Restricted Data basis only).

e. General discussion follows.

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Type of Report to Emerge from Panel

7. The ad hoc committee agreed that a tape recording would be made of the entire session. Only the significant parts will be transcribed, but the tape will be available to all agencies. In addition, secretarial notes will be made of any conclusions or major points arrived at. Dr. Scoville and [REDACTED] will prepare a report of the meeting to incorporate any conclusions and suggestions for further study. This will be checked out with the agency representatives prior to submission to the IAC. 25X1A9a

Consultant Fees and Travel

8. Fees for consultants and travel expenses will be paid by the service or agency with which the consultant has a contract.