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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Duncan	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
25X1A9a [REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)

2. The State member suggested certain amendments to its proposed revision of the Outline Guide for Section 42, NIS Chapter IV (Sociological) which, after discussion, were approved by the Committee. The proposed revision of the Outline Guide for Section 43 was approved without change by the Committee. The approved drafts of Section 42, as amended, and Section 43 will be incorporated into the revised Outline Guide for Chapter IV.

3. The Army's proposal for revision of the Outline Guide for Chapter II (Military Geography), involving the incorporation of Airborne Landing Sites, was discussed at some length by the Committee. Lieut. Duncan set forth Army's requirements for this type of intelligence. The Committee agreed that this intelligence was needed and that the NIS was the proper medium for presenting the high level requirements for this intelligence. It was the consensus of the Committee that the intelligence on Airborne Landing Sites should be confined to the new Section 26 rather than also being treated generally in the other sections of Chapter II, with proper guidance to the user being obtained by cross reference indicators. The Committee suggested several methods of organizing Section 26 to avoid excessive duplication of treatment. The Army member agreed to reexamine Section 26 in the light of the Committee's suggestions and to submit an amended draft at the next meeting.

4. The Chairman reported that proposals of the Committee respecting changes in the allocation of production responsibilities for Sections 71-75 had been referred to the SIC by the Chapter VII Coordinator, and that the NIS Committee would be notified as soon as the SIC had taken action.

5. A study of production credit methods disclosed the infeasibility of developing a satisfactory method for determining the relative weight of each agency's contribution to the NIS Program. While the present

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method of section credit is the most simple, it does not include such factors as subsection contributions, disparity in size and difficulty of production between sections, and coordination and review effort. It was therefore the Committee's opinion that each agency should apply these factors in relation to its particular situation when estimating its production effort in support of budgetary and other departmental requirements. The Committee agreed that the fundamental NIS production criterion should be the degree to which each agency fulfills its production commitments.

6. The Chairman distributed copies of the Revised List of NIS Areas and requested the members to submit comments at the next meeting.

7. A brief report on January production was made by the Chairman. He indicated that while the overdue sections had been rescheduled under the revised production schedule which became effective on 1 January 1951, the agencies had met only 30% of scheduled requirements for January. State produced 14 sections in January which was roughly 70% of scheduled requirements. The large number of new sections started by the Armed Force Agencies during the past two months indicates that increased production capabilities are being applied although it will probably be several months before there will be an appreciable increase in finished contributions.

8. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA on 13 February 1951.

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