

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 24

15 March 1949

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Dunn	State
Dr. Appleton	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Capt. Field	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
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2. The Chairman brought to the attention of the members two directives to analysts prepared and issued by OIR. These directives (Procurement of Source Material and Map and Graphics Instructions) are excellent examples of instructions needful for the guidance of working level personnel. State was asked to distribute copies of these directives to the other Agencies for their information.

3. The Committee decided to cancel Chapter XI (Health and Sanitation) of JANIS #41 (USSR - The Caucasus) because the material therein is outdated and Section 45 (Health and Sanitation) of NIS #26 (USSR) is scheduled for April 1949.

4. A survey was made of the status of NIS production for the remainder of FY 1949. The following data were read to the Committee:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Production Requirements</u> (sections)	<u>Estimated Production</u> (sections)	<u>Estimated Defections</u> (sections)
March	74	40	34
April	89	36	53
May	94	72	22
June	114	72	42
1 July	101 (approximately 1½ NIS short for FY 1949)		
FY 1950 Schedule July	121 (production required for July 1949 to become abreast of 15 NIS per year rate by 1 Aug. 1949)		

It was pointed out that this status of production is not so bad as it might appear because FY 1949 defections could be absorbed in the first month of FY 1950, providing the Agencies build up their capabilities to meet the 15 NIS per year rate by July 1949. Members were advised, however, to appraise the requirements placed upon their Agencies by the FY 1950 Schedule and bring these requirements to the attention of their superiors with a view to taking timely action to avoid excessive defection during FY 1950.

5. The State member introduced a proposed revision of the FY 1949 Schedule for Chapters IV, V, and VI, caused by failure of the non-IAC Agencies to meet their commitments. This revision was approved by the Committee.

6. The Navy member proposed that Section 22 (Coasts and Landing Beaches) of NIS 26-IV (Central and Eastern Siberia, including Kamchatka, the Kuriles, Sakhalin, and other island possessions) be removed from the FY 1949 Production Schedule and Section 22 of NIS 49 (Libya) be substituted therefor. Section 22 of 26-IV could be completed this year provided JANIS 78 (Kamchatka), JANIS 79 (Sakhalin), and JANIS 86 (Kuriles) were substituted for original NIS material on those areas. To produce NIS material on these areas would require postponing submission of Section 22, NIS 26-IV, until FY 1950. Navy feels that the JANIS requirements for "Coasts and Landing Beaches" are not equivalent to NIS requirements and that the areas in question should receive new treatment. Army, on the other hand, feels that not enough new information on the areas in question is available to warrant revising them and that the production of Section 22, NIS 26-IV, in FY 1949 is paramount. It was decided that Army and Navy should confer further on this question and bring it up again at the next meeting of the Committee.

7. The Army member proposed that Chapter I treatment be not accorded to Chapter III in principle. He pointed out that, with retention of the identity of Chapter III throughout, the treatment accorded, in many instances, will be such as to lend itself to chapter, rather than section, treatment; that Section 30 (Introduction) can be utilized to handle sections which do not warrant full section treatment; and that, where desirable, Supplements I (Ports and Naval Facilities) and III (Telecommunications) may be eliminated and the material ordinarily included in them may be incorporated in Section 35 (Ports and Naval Facilities) and Section 38 (Telecommunications), respectively. It was the consensus that the matter should be taken up at the next Committee meeting, at which time the Chapter I subcommittee report will be available.

8. Copies of a proposed FOREWORD for NIS were passed out to members. This FOREWORD is designed to inform the user of the following:

- a. The general nature of NIS.
- b. The form and manner of issuance of NIS.

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d. Several miscellaneous points of useful information.

Members are to be prepared to comment on the proposed FOREWORD at the next meeting.

9. Members were requested to examine information control procedures in their Agencies with a view to expediting the handling of NIS material. It was pointed out that the volume of such material being passed back and forth between G/Ba and the Agencies will shortly become great; and that, if special arrangements are not made to bypass routine procedures, an inordinate amount of time will be lost in the process of transit. G/Ba has already made special arrangements with OCD to dispense with certain routine procedures for incoming and outgoing NIS material to and from G/Ba. Members were requested to study this matter and be prepared to discuss it further at the next meeting.

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