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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Colonel Jesse	Army
Major Jacobson	Army
Captain Norgaard	Navy
Lieut. Madden	Navy
25X1A9a Major Malone	Air Force
[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
[REDACTED]	CIA (Vice Chairman)
[REDACTED]	CIA

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2. The Chairman introduced [REDACTED] who has joined the staff of D/B as Chief of the Regional Review Branch and head of the Chapter I Task Group, responsible for coordination and production of NIS Chapter I.

3. Chapter I Considerations

The Committee agreed to establish the uniform cut-off date for all Chapters I as the month previous to the scheduled submission of contributions to CIA. Thus, the uniform cut-off date to be used by all contributors for Chapter I on Denmark is July, 1954, since the contributions for this Chapter are due in CIA on 15 August 1954.

The Chairman made available to the members advance copies of Chapter I on Iran. He said that comments on this initial Chapter were being prepared by the Chapter I Task Group with a view to further improvement of subsequent Chapters I. Copies of these comments will be sent to Chapter I coordinators and analysts in the several agencies.

The Chairman noted that six Chapters I were scheduled for fiscal year 1955 and requested that contributors make every effort to meet submission deadlines. A Chapter I production schedule for fiscal year 1956 will be prepared as soon as the regular NIS schedule for that year has been developed. Since the basis for starting Chapter I production on any area is the completion of Chapters II to IX on that area, it is necessary to emphasize production of unscheduled elements on nearly completed areas in developing next year's production schedules.

4. NIS Production for FY 1954

The Chairman reported production for 1954 took an amazing up-turn in June with a total of 103 sections, ending up the year with some 443 sections and leaving a numerical defection of 98 sections which, considering RIFs, re-organization and internal complications in the Agencies, made for a very successful year production-wise.

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Since many of the 98 overdue sections are well along toward completion, the year's production substantially meets the JCS requirements for the equivalent of eight NIS.

The Chairman said that an analysis of the NIS Program for the past year was being made and would be reflected in the annual report being prepared by the NIS Coordinator. He requested that members let him have any aspects on the program from the point of view of the participating agencies which, in the opinion of the members, should be incorporated into the annual report.

5. NIS 89 (Chile)

The Chairman pointed out that NIS Area 89 (Chile) does not include Easter Island or Sala-y-Gomez. These islands, however, are not part of the political picture of the oceanic islands in NIS Area 103 in which they are presently included. The Chairman proposed that these two islands be included in NIS 89 Area and he requested the members to examine this matter with their respective agencies and report their views as soon as possible, preferably by Wednesday afternoon, 14 July.

[Note: All members subsequently reported favorably on the proposal.]

6. Revised 1955 Production Schedule

Copies of the Revised 1955 Production Schedule consolidating the suggested revisions proposed by the Agencies were distributed to the members for review. The Chairman stated the 1956 Production Schedule will be consolidated as soon as the Section 23 Schedule is received from the Air Force.

Lists showing the status of NIS Areas 70% or more complete as of 1 July 1954 were distributed to the members. This list includes items on the '56 schedule on which there are firm dates.

7. Release of NIS to SHAPE and SACLANT

Copies of a proposed memorandum for the release of NIS elements to SHAPE and SACLANT were distributed to the members who were asked to report the views of their agencies by the end of the week in order that the memorandum might be prepared in final form for the next meeting of the NIS Committee.

[Note: All members subsequently reported approval of their agencies to the proposed memorandum.]

8. Request of F.O.A. for NIS

Copies of correspondence from the F.O.A. requesting additional chapters for areas in addition to those already approved by the IAC for dissemination to F.O.A. were distributed to the members who were asked to

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11. Special NIS 45

The Chairman noted 25X6A the Committee had agreed to the production of Chapters IV, V, and VI on [redacted] as a special 25X6A supplement [redacted] to be known [redacted] (refer to NIS Committee 25X6A Meetings Nos. 124 - 126).

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[redacted] Since this transfer materially affects the NIS Committee actions, it is necessary for the Committee to reconsider the matter. The Chairman felt that a combined Chapter treatment was appropriate to this special area.

The State member said that the matter was complex and suggested that State specialists meet with D/B to study the problems involved. The Committee agreed to await the results of this meeting before taking further action. 25X6A

12. [redacted]

The Chairman requested 25X6A the members to inform their agencies that any inquiries respecting [redacted] should be channeled through the NIS Committee, rather than through [redacted] in order to 25X6A avoid misunderstandings and to insure that the Committee is kept abreast of the situation. The Chairman will direct all inquiries he receives to [redacted] representative in CIA.

25X6A The Army member said that Army would like to know the status of Section 23 (Weather and Climate) and Section 38 (Telecommunications) on [redacted]

13. Control of NIS

The members reported on the results thus far of their re-examination of the list of NIS areas on which the NIS are restricted to US OFFICIALS ONLY. (See paragraph 7, NIS Committee Meeting No. 173). Discussion followed relative to the application of control statements pursuant to provisions of IAC D-45/12, of which the list under review is a part. In substance it was brought out that all NIS contributions received in D/B on areas designated in this list bear the control statement, "US Officials Only", when published. Even though some of the areas involved 25X1X71 are also listed in IAC D-45/12 as areas on which NIS may be furnished to [redacted] if release is approved by the producing agency, the IAC Agencies have denied release of NIS in its entirety on these areas by the over-all control list. In order to ensure that NIS controls are consonant with present control policies it was agreed that members would re-examine this situation and submit a list of areas to be controlled in their entirety with an explanation of why these controls are necessary. The Chairman expressed the view that the revised list

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should be based upon fundamental control requirements in all cases. The matter will be brought up for further discussion when proposed revisions of the list have been received from the agencies.

14. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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