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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 145
10 February 1953

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton
Mr. Clinton
Lt. Col. Pack
Col. Kirgis
Lt. Jones
Lt. Col. Rush
Major Hess

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2. Proposed FY 1954 Production Schedule

The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of the tentative NIS Production Schedule for FY 1954 which includes the agencies' proposals with the exception of the Chapter VII elements, the schedule for which will be presented at a later date. Excluding these elements, the schedule provides for the production of 477 sections.

The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a tabulation showing elements of NIS areas in the first three high priority groups which must still be produced to complete the NIS on these areas. He requested that the members give consideration to substituting some of these elements for those in areas of lower priority which appear in the tentative schedule. The members agreed to review their proposed schedules and make such substitutions if their capabilities permitted. Further discussion of the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

3. Outline Guide for Chapter VII

The Vice-Chairman referred to a proposal by the Air Force member that the Outline Guide for Chapter VII be expanded to provide a separate Section for medical data, which had been referred to the SEC for consideration. (Refer to paragraph 5, NIS Committee Meeting No. 141, 18 Nov 52). He stated that the SEC has agreed not to consider any expansion of the Outline Guide at this time, but to treat medical data in a sub-section under the Section 76.

4. NIS Chapter I

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that Sections 20 and 21 are the sole elements remaining to be produced on NIS 33 (Iran), and that their completion

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during FY 1953, as scheduled, necessitates scheduling of Chapter I (Brief) for preparation during FY 1954.

The Air Force and Army members questioned that preparation of Chapter I could be undertaken during FY 1954 without delaying other production.

The Vice-Chairman stated that in order to comply with the provision of the Standard Instructions requiring the production of this Chapter following completion of all other elements on a specific area, it might be necessary to drop some elements in low priority areas which have been scheduled for FY 1954 and substitute NIS 33, Chapter I elements.

Following discussion, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the matter until the next meeting so as to afford the members an opportunity to consult their respective agencies as to their capabilities for producing the portions of Chapter I for which they are responsible.

In the event preparation of Chapter I for NIS 33 is undertaken in FY 1954, the Committee agreed that production responsibility for the various elements would be in accordance with the assignments set forth in the NIS Outline Guide, and further, that the responsibility for coordinating the contributions to each Section would rest with the agency having coordination responsibility for the related NIS Chapter. For example, Army as Chapter II Coordinator, would be responsible for coordinating contributions to Section 12, and for preparing the final, complete draft of the Section which will be submitted to CIA, the Chapter I Coordinator.

With respect to Sections 10 and 11, which will be prepared by CIA with joint assistance, the Committee took under consideration the desirability of establishing a joint working group of high level analysts to be responsible for the functions formerly charged to the Chapter I Committee, which was deactivated when it was decided not to produce the Chapter I on an area until Chapters II to IX, inclusive, had been completed.

The Committee also agreed that the cut-off date for the Chapter I will be the most current date feasible. Generally, the Chapter I will be based upon information contained in the related NIS Chapters. However, if significant new information has become available subsequent to the cut-off date in the related Chapters such information may be presented in Chapter I, with an explanatory footnote, or statement in Section 10.

5. NIS Maps and Illustrations

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that poor copy submitted by NIS contributors on maps and illustrations has resulted in many hours of extra work for GPO. Weak ink lines on maps and illustrations necessitate the artist cutting uniform lines into the negative prior to submitting it for printing. He requested the members to impress upon draftsmen the importance for drawing solid lines with uniform shading.

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6. Personnel cleared for D/B conferences

The Vice-Chairman distributed to each member a list of the personnel within his agency who have been cleared by CIA/I&S for conferences in D/B. In order that these lists may be brought up to date, he requested that the members delete the names of those persons who no longer are engaged in the NIS Program, and add names of those who will, in the future, have occasion to confer in D/B in connection with their contributions.

7. Non-IAC agency requests for NIS

The Vice-Chairman referred to the request from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics that NIS Sections 72 be made available to them, and stated that approval has been received from Navy for such dissemination. (Refer to paragraph 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 144, 13 January 1953). However, in view of Army's non-concurrence, dissemination to NACA will not be made.

8. Release of NIS to non-IAC agencies

In connection with requests for the release of NIS to non-IAC agencies the Vice-Chairman asked for the Committee's views regarding the desirability of referring such requests to the Secretariat of the IAC for action in a manner similar to that followed in dissemination to foreign governments. Under the present procedure the NIS Committee determines releasability of NIS to non-IAC agencies, and the Vice-Chairman questioned the propriety of continuing the present procedure in view of the provisions of paragraph 5 g. NSCID 1 (Revised) 28 March 1952, which states as follows:

"The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate National Intelligence to the President, to members of the National Security Council, to the Intelligence Chiefs of the IAC Agencies, and to such Governmental Departments and Agencies as the National Security Council from time to time may designate. Intelligence so disseminated shall be officially concurred in by the Intelligence Agencies or shall carry a statement of substantially differing opinions."

In view of the above, the members expressed their approval of referring non-IAC agency requests for NIS to the IAC, and the Vice-Chairman undertook to ascertain the position of the Secretariat, IAC, in this matter.

9. NIS Production for February

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that scheduled production for February is 30 sections, with 93 sections overdue from previous months. To date, 2 sections have been delivered to D/B. He reminded them that the over-all fulfillment of production for the first half of the fiscal year was 77%, and expressed the hope that the agencies would continue at this high rate for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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10. Comments on Principal Sources for Sections 64

The State member stated that his agency is considering a revision of its instructions to contributors with regard to the preparation of the listing of sources in the "Comments on Principal Sources" sub-section of the Sections 64. A recently processed section included a List of Sources in which the sources used in preparing the various sub-topics were listed or referred to separately under each sub-topic head. This necessitated a repetition of a great majority of the sources, and resulted in a very voluminous and awkward List of Sources. A condensation of these listings was prepared by D/B Publication Branch which substantially reduced the length of the "Comments on Principal Sources" sub-section, and the State member requested that he be furnished with a copy of this condensation in order that it may be included as a sample of what is desired in his instructions to contributors for the preparation of future "Comments on Principal Sources".

11. Change in Outline Guide for Section 3

The Navy member presented for Committee consideration a request for a change in the NIS Outline Guide for Section 3 (Oceanography) of the Special NIS. The proposed change calls for the insertion of an additional sub-section to be entitled sub-section A, "Tides". This sub-section would include a discussion of tidal progression and ranges, with charts showing co-range and co-tidal lines, and would serve to bring the Special NIS more fully in line with requirements for staff planning for submarines, mining and amphibious operations. This change will require successive re-numbering of the remaining sub-sections of Section 3, that is, the present sub-section A would become sub-section B, etc. The Committee approved the proposed revision.

12. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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