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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 8 January USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 8 January Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.

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JAMES S. LAY, JR.
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Three-hundred-sixth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 8 January 1964

Director of Central Intelligence
John A. McCone
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Ray S. Cline, acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Major General Alva R. Fitch, acting for Director, Defense Intelligence
Agency
Major General Edgar C. Doleman, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Captain Wyman H. Packard, acting for Assistant Chief of Naval Operations
(Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Brigadier General P. D. Wynne, Jr., Acting Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, United States Air Force
Dr. Louis W. Tordella, Acting Director, National Security Agency
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to USIB
Mr. William C. Sullivan, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes
3 January Meeting
(USIB-M-305, including records of action in USIB-D-41.15/30 (COMOR-D-48/58); USIB-D-41.14/92 (COMOR-D-24/105); USIB-D-41.14/93 (COMOR-D-25/66); and USIB-D-41.17/26 (COMOR-D-22/43), all dated 6 January 1964 and distributed through restricted channels)

Approved as circulated, including the referenced records of action on items 1, 2, 3, and 4.

2. Watch Report No. 698

- a. Approved, subject to updating of the second item in Section II.

- b. Noted and discussed, in connection with consideration of the Watch Report, the statement by the Chairman of the Watch Committee that there was a dearth of information on activity of concern to that Committee. While there was no ominous evidence, messages had been sent to appropriate personnel to be especially watchful.

3. COMOR Report on High-Level Coverage of Cuba
(USIB-D-41.14/94 (COMOR-D-24/106), 7 January 1964, limited distribution)

- a. USIB noted the COMOR report and the conclusion in paragraph 4 thereof.

- b. In connection with this item, the Chairman noted that there seemed to be some recent acceleration of Bloc shipments of military material into Cuba and reports of the return of a substantial number of Soviet-trained Cubans to Cuba. Mr. McCone cautioned USIB members

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to be alert to these changes. He also indicated his continuing concern that the possible turnover to the Cubans of control of the SAM sites could increase the danger of reaction to U.S. reconnaissance operations.

4. Discussion of National Intelligence
Estimates Schedule

a. The Chairman, Board of National Estimates (BNE) requested that, in view of completion today of NIE 11-5-64, "Soviet Economic Problems and Outlook", USIB approve slipping completion of NIE 11-5/1-64, "Soviet Economic Prospects", until around the middle of May, from the present schedule of USIB action on 25 March 1964. The Board approved Mr. Kent's request.

b. The Chairman, BNE also asked USIB approval for the initiation of a full-dress estimate on North Vietnam to be considered by USIB on 19 February 1964. The Board approved the addition of this estimate on the date requested to the National Intelligence Estimates Program.

5. Capabilities of the Soviet
General Purpose Forces,
1963-1969
(NIE 11-14-64)

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the Chairman's statement that this was a very important paper and that a very good job had been done in preparing it.

c. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

6. Soviet Economic Problems
and Outlook
(SNIE 11-5-64)

a. Approved as amended, subject to telephonic Board concurrence through the USIB representatives on that portion of paragraph 8 which is to be rewritten.

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b. Noted the comments by the Chairman that this is a very useful paper, and that he felt the U. S. public and our allies should have more knowledge on this subject, especially because of the extent to which people are misinformed as a result of Soviet propaganda. He added that such information could also lead some of the uncommitted countries to a realization of the inherent weaknesses in the Soviet economy.

c. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

7. The Attitudes of NATO Countries
Toward the Proposed Multilateral
Nuclear Force (MLF)
(SNIE 20-64)

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With the exception of the State member, USIB approved the subject estimate with amendments incorporating the Chairman's views referred to above. Mr. Hughes stated he would furnish the Office of National Estimates a dissenting footnote to Conclusion B by the State Department.

Executive Session

At 1155 the Chairman convened the Board in executive session during which the following items were considered.

8. Briefing of High-Level
Government Officials
of Certain Foreign
Countries

The Chairman announced that, subsequent to a discussion with the President and the Secretary of State on the Soviet economy, it had been decided that Mr. McCone should brief certain high-level government

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9. Report on Newspaper Article
on Classified Project

The Chairman reported that an article on Headbone, a classified intelligence project, had appeared in the 6 January issue of the Space Daily and the 8 January edition of The Washington Post. The DCI stated that leaks of this sort were most disturbing as they could result in the loss of an intelligence capability. Noting that he was requesting the Director of Security, CIA, to conduct an investigation into this disclosure of classified information, the DCI asked the Acting DIA member to conduct a similar investigation.

Pointing out that there were many inaccuracies in the article, General Fitch stated, however, that DIA had already initiated such an investigation for Secretary McNamara.

Adjournment: 1205

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