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8 July 1964

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 4 F 31, CIA Headquarters Building

1000 hours, 8 July 1964

PRESENT:

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[REDACTED] CIA, Acting Chairman

Morris H. Crawford, Department of State

Baxter Wood, Defense Intelligence Agency

William C. Andrews, Department of the Army

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CDR. William D. Robertson, Department of the Navy

[REDACTED] National Security Agency

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[REDACTED], CIA, Executive Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

2. Membership

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a. No objections were received to the nomination of [REDACTED] CIA/ORR, as Chairman of the EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications and this nomination was considered approved as of 18 June 1964. [REDACTED] CIA/ORR, is designated Executive Secretary of this subcommittee, effective 18 June 1964.

b. The Department of State has nominated William R. Womack, INR/RSB/BE to serve as Chairman of the EIC Working Group on Aid and Trade Activities in Less Developed Areas of the Free World vice Mark J. Garrison, reassigned. No objections were voiced to the appointment of Mr. Womack as Chairman and this nomination was considered approved as of 8 July 1964.

c. The EIC Secretariat plans to update and issue a revised Directory of EIC Personnel during August. Listings of personnel designated by member agencies to serve on the EIC, its Subcommittees and Working Groups will be circulated to members for their review and revision during July.

3. Subcommittee and Working Group Annual Reports

The majority of annual reports have been received by the EIC Secretariat. A draft Annual Report to the USIB of the EIC, Fiscal Year 1964, will be prepared for member's review and approval at the August meeting.

4. Petroleum Subcommittee Working Paper on "Military Consumption of Petroleum Products, Communist Countries, 1962-63"
(EIC-PSC-WP-5, June 1964, Limited Distribution)

The Acting Chairman announced that this working paper had recently been disseminated. He stated that this type of working document is a valuable basic reference for the intelligence community. He expressed appreciation to the DIA for their major role in the production of this paper.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the EIC meeting of 12 February 1964 (EIC-M-104) were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF EIC-R16-S5, "THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT OF COMMUNIST CHINA, 1963":

The Acting Chairman introduced consideration of this report stating that it was a community product; the trade section had been prepared in consultation with the Department of State; the ocean shipping section prepared by the Department of the Navy, ONI; and the interior transport section prepared by the CIA.

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The report was reviewed on a page-by-page basis and a number of minor modifications and changes were proposed and accepted. In accordance with one of the adopted proposals the word "summary" is to be omitted from the title of this and future issuances of the EIC-R16 series. [REDACTED] reported that the map of railroads and selected roads had been coordinated with the DIA and was being reproduced for inclusion in the report. The Acting Chairman requested that consideration be given to including more country data, especially for Free World countries, in the trade tables of future issues. He felt that tables should contain data concerning major developments discussed in the text. The Committee approved the report for issuance after editorial changes and commended the two responsible subcommittees for producing a well-written report.

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Timing of Future Reports: The Department of State representative requested that consideration be given to the timing of the preparation of future reports in this series. He pointed out that data are more reliable and estimates firmer after receipt of the Soviet foreign trade statistics

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(between July and September) but that, on the other hand, policy-makers have a considerable need for a preliminary estimate of China's trade volume and pattern as soon as possible after the year's end. He therefore proposed that ORR, early in the first quarter of the year, publish a preliminary study on Chinese foreign trade and then later in the year (possibly September) the EIC publication could be prepared after receipt of comprehensive official data.

The Acting Chairman stated he felt there was great merit in producing an estimate on the level of Chinese trade in the early part of the year that would be available for use in the community and that it would be possible for ORR to do this.

The proposal that the EIC publication be deferred until after receipt of the official foreign trade statistics was deferred for consideration at the August meeting.

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