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**I N T E L L I G E N C E   A D V I S O R Y   C O M M I T T E E**

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1530, 2 May 1955**

**Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
\*Presiding**

**Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
\*Presiding**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Mr. Fisher R. Howe, acting for Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission  
Representative to the IAC  
Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**ALSO PRESENT**



**\* Part of meeting**

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Mr. Paul M. Kattenburg, Department of State  
Mr. Edward Fried, Department of State  
Lieutenant Colonel V. J. Fenili, Department of the Army  
Lieutenant Colonel D. L. Husman, Department of the Army  
Major Charles W. Milmore, Department of the Army  
Captain Bruce E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy  
Colonel Willis B. Sawyer, United States Air Force  
Major Thomas B. Johnson, United States Air Force  
Mr. Benjamin B. Weems, United States Air Force  
Colonel Robert Totten, USAF, The Joint Staff  
Lieutenant Commander J. M. Norwood, USAF, The Joint Staff

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1. The Current Saigon Crisis  
(SNIE 63.1-2/1-55)

a. At the request of the Chairman, the Committee reviewed and approved as amended, subject to a footnote by the State member, a memorandum on probable developments in the current Saigon crisis. This memorandum had been prepared by the Board of National Estimates at the request of the Chairman.

b. The Committee agreed to issue the approved text as a special national intelligence estimate, with dissemination limited to top policy makers and the intelligence community. An advance edition is to be circulated as soon as possible.

2. Formosa Straits Problem

The Chairman raised informally the question of the frequency of issue of the reports of the Formosa Straits Problem group. The Committee concluded that a weekly report, supplemented by special reports as necessary, would be more in keeping with the current situation in the Formosa area than is the present daily. The Chairman undertook to propose this change to the President and the NSC.

Adjournment: 1810

Secretary

Secretary's Note

1. The Board of National Estimates has recommended that NIE 63.1-2-55 "Possible Developments in South Vietnam" and SNIE 63.1-2/1-55 "The Current Saigon Crisis" not be released to any foreign government. This matter will not be raised at an IAC meeting except at the request of a member. (ONE Memorandum dated 4 May 1955)

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2. The Secretary does not propose to release SNIE 63.1-2/1-55 "The Current Saigon Crisis" to USIA. This matter will not be raised at an IAC meeting except at the request of a member.

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