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28 February 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 28 February 1956

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of  
Staff, Intelligence, 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  
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Alan Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes  
21 February Meeting  
(IAC-M-231)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 290

a. The report was noted.

b. The Director, National Indications Center, was designated as the official agent of the IAC for the purpose of receiving the concurrences of the IAC members in the Watch Committee Report.



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4. NIE 11-3-56  
Probable Short-Term Communist  
Capabilities and Intentions  
Regarding Berlin

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the validity study of those sections of the following estimates which dealt with the Berlin situation: NIE 81, "Probable Soviet Courses of Action with Respect to Germany Through Mid-1954," 22 May 1953; NIE 11-55, "Probable Soviet Response to the Ratification of the Paris Agreements," 1 March 1955; NIE 11-3-55, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Soviet Courses of Action Through 1960," 17 May 1955; and NIE 11-13/1-55,

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"Review of Soviet Foreign Policy in the Light of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference," 6 December 1955.

c. Agreed that a post-mortem is not required on  
NIE 11-3-56.



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6. Proposed IAC Ad Hoc Working Group  
on Emergency Plans  
(IAC-D-96/1, 20 February 1956)

Agreed that an IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on Emergency Plans (Operation Alert) be established to study IAC planning problems of Operation Alert 1956, and to examine the impact of war upon the functions of the IAC.

7. Proposal for NIE  
(ONE Memorandum to IAC  
representatives, 17 February;  
letter of Mr. Armstrong to  
DCI, 23 February)

Agreed to initiate an NIE for early IAC consideration on certain aspects of Soviet policy and the vulnerability of under-developed areas to the Soviet economic offensive.

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8. Intelligence Aspects of the  
Exchange of Delegations  
with the USSR and the  
European Satellites  
(IAC-D-103, 24 February 1956)

- a. Approved the report, as amended.
- b. Directed that the report be disseminated to policy planners.
- c. Agreed to establish an IAC standing committee to study intelligence aspects of this subject.
- d. The Chairman undertook to raise with the Operations Coordinating Board the desirability of forming an interdepartmental advisory committee to consider all aspects of exchange of persons and delegations with the Soviet Bloc.

Adjournment: 1310



Secretary

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