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30 October 1956

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
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 30 October 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Opening Remarks by Chairman

In opening the meeting the Chairman read to the members and commented briefly on late information bearing on the Arab-Israeli and Suez situations, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He also complimented the Watch Committee in connection with its most recent reporting on developments affecting these situations.

2. Approval of Minutes
23 October Meeting
(IAC-M-262)

Approved as written.

3. Watch Committee Reports

Noted Watch Committee Report No. 325 and the reports of the special Watch Committee meetings held on 28 and 29 October.

4. Fourth Annual Progress Report
of the Economic Defense
Intelligence Committee
(IAC-D-53/8, 24 October 1956)

Noted this report.

5. Release of Survey of NIE
Dissemination and Use
(IAC-D-94/1, 10 July 1956;
as approved by IAC,
7 August 1956; IAC-M-262, item 7)

Agreed to release this survey to the Bureau of the Budget. General Schow suggested, and the members concurred, that the letter of transmittal clearly indicate that the survey had the limited goal of establishing the distribution pattern of NIE's and of shedding light on the kind of uses to which they are put; was an informal survey; and

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was intended for the internal use of the Board of National Estimates and the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

6. DCID 4/6
Priority National Intelligence
Objectives
(IAC-D-50/7.1, 25 October 1956)

Approved as amended.



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8. Review of Arab-Israeli and
Suez Developments

a. The Chairman again stated that the Watch Committee had performed its function well in reporting on recent military developments affecting the Arab-Israeli and Suez situations. He noted that the President had appreciated that fact, and had also expressed interest in data appearing in the latest report by the IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation.

b. After noting the 25 October report of this Working Group, the members agreed, following discussion, that the report be given normal distribution, subject to the deletion of the political section (Part II) and the conclusions (Part III). The members also agreed that the cover of this publication should carry a special notation indicating that it summarized military strengths as of 25 October 1956, and did not reflect military dispositions or developments since that time.

c. The members also exchanged views generally on the question of whether reports by the Arab-Israeli Working Group should properly include not only facts but also estimates or evaluation of

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data presented. In the course of their discussion, the members concurred in the view that, generally speaking, reports of this group should attempt only to set forth relevant facts bearing on the Arab-Israeli situation.

d. The question was raised as to what the nature of the intelligence community's effort should be with respect to reporting on current developments. General Cabell stated that the Watch Committee should not undertake "situation" reporting, but should focus its attention in the Middle East on evidence, if any, of Soviet Bloc involvement. During the discussion it was also noted that the IAC Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation would be in a position to report on important developments. With regard to daily reporting, the Chairman referred to the publications issued on a daily basis by the various IAC agencies, and noted that the Office of Current Intelligence of CIA would regularly keep in close touch with other members of the intelligence community.

9. Executive Session

At the suggestion of General Cabell, the members went into executive session at 1145 to discuss certain matters bearing on the Arab-Israeli situation.

10. Continental Air Defense
Command Briefing

Upon the resumption of the regular session at 1215, General Cabell suggested, and the members concurred, that, in view of the present situation, the scheduled trip of IAC members to CONAD be postponed. General Cabell noted that he would so advise General Partridge and that the matter of rescheduling the visit could be discussed at a later date.

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11. SNIE 12-2-56
Probable Developments in
East Europe and Implications
for Soviet Policy

Approved as amended.

Adjournment: 1300

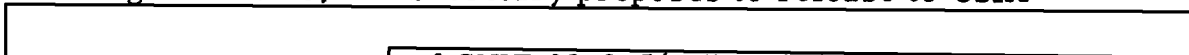


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Acting Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA

 and SNIE 12-2-56, "Probable Developments in East Europe and Implications for Soviet Policy," both dated 30 October 1956.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell

Mr. Robert Amory

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Mr. Otto Guthe

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Department of State

Mr. Boris Klosson

Mr. William Magistretti

Mr. Harold Glidden

Mr. William McAfee

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Pratt

Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony P. Bonnaffon

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Holden

Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Woods, Jr.

Colonel P. K. Wynne

Mr. Jack Power

Lieutenant Colonel Boyd Hart

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Tisdale

The Joint Staff

Colonel E. G. Van Orman, USMC
Colonel Charles H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA
Colonel Ralph H. Wade, USAF
Colonel A. Ward Gillette, USA
Lieutenant Colonel James M. Norwood, USAF

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz