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10:30-11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT

William A. Eddy

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Minutes of Special Meeting

Present: Messrs. Eddy, SA-E (Chairman  
Russell, A-R  
Matthews (for A-D)  
Briggs (for A-Br)  
Evans, OCL (Executive Secretary)

Proposed NIA Directive on Allocation of Responsibilities for  
Field Collection

The Chairman presented to the Committee the text of the proposed NIA directive which he intended to present to the IAB in the afternoon. This text, he stated, reverted to his original proposal and placed the detailed allocation of responsibilities in the NIA directive rather than in the one to be issued in the name of CIG. The Chairman pointed out that there might be some unexpected change in the attitude of the IAB as a result of the recent report of the Congressional Committee on Intelligence, but that he felt the subject should be taken up at this opportunity.

Mr. Briggs commented on the fact that the new text divided responsibility for economic intelligence collection between the State Department and the services. The Chairman pointed out that this was inescapable since the Air Force, for example, could not be denied primary concern with air vulnerability. There were similar military aspects in other areas of the economic field.

There was some discussion of the clause assigning principal responsibility in any given field area to the chief United States representative, and it was agreed that the text should be modified to make clear the authority at any time of the ranking foreign service representative in the absence of an Ambassador.

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Mr. Briggs suggested that there might later be a subsidiary directive delimiting the areas of interest in the economic field. The Chairman replied that some such delimitation was likely, with emphasis upon the interest of the Army and Navy in purely technical problems.

It was agreed that the proposal represented in substance the interest of the Department of State. If the IAB did not agree to the substance of the document, the Chairman would propose it be referred to the NIA as a minority report. The Chairman would of course feel free to accept verbal alterations or minor substantive additions which did not change the main burden of the directive.

VERIFIED:

M. H. Evans  
Executive Secretary

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