

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/5¹

TERMS OF REFERENCE, WATCH COMMITTEE OF THE USIB

(Effective 23 April 1965)

A. Name

Watch Committee of the USIB.

B. Mission

To provide the United States Intelligence Board with the earliest possible intelligence warning of, and a continuing judgment on, Sino-Soviet Bloc intentions to engage in aggressive action by regular or irregular armed forces.

C. Functions

1. To obtain from all USIB members and from other departments as appropriate the information and intelligence required by the mission of the Watch Committee, formulating intelligence collection requirements and recommending priorities as necessary.

2. To carry on a continuing analysis of information and intelligence from all sources to identify developments, patterns and trends in Sino-Soviet Bloc activities which could provide indications of intentions to engage in aggressive action.

3. Based on the foregoing, to develop conclusions or provisional estimative judgments as necessary as to Sino-Soviet intentions to engage in aggressive action; to consider current and prospective situations and developments which could lead to aggressive action by the Bloc; and to report promptly to the USIB the Committee's findings in these matters including such divergent views as may be recorded; and, following USIB action to provide for dissemination to other recipients as appropriate.

D. Composition and Organization

The Watch Committee will be composed of a Senior Officer representing each USIB member and a Chairman who will be designated by the Director of Central Intelligence after consultation with the USIB.² The Committee will be supported in its duties and responsibilities by its operational and administrative staff, the National Indications Center (NIC). The Center will be headed by a Director to be provided by CIA and staffed with professional intelligence and administrative personnel furnished by participating agencies.

¹ This Directive supersedes DCID No. 1/5 (New Series) of 27 February 1963.

² The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force will be represented by observers at Watch Committee meetings.

E. Duties and Responsibilities

The Watch Committee, or the National Indications Center, as appropriate, shall:

1. Arrange through the USIB or its members for the exploitation of every domestic and foreign source for intelligence information pertinent to the Watch Committee mission and for the prompt forwarding of such information to the NIC.
2. Arrange with appropriate departments and agencies of the Government for the prompt forwarding to the Watch Committee or the NIC that information required to be made available by the terms of NSAM No. 226.
3. Develop and maintain continuing analyses of developments, patterns and trends in Sino-Soviet Bloc activities pertinent to the Watch Committee mission, working in liaison and coordination with concerned USIB agencies to evaluate significant indications.
4. Maintain a 24-hour watch function to analyze incoming information, obtain from USIB agencies additional information and evaluations of significant developments and alert members of the Watch Committee and NIC as required.
5. Develop and maintain intelligence support materials and systems, including automatic data processing systems, as may be required to support the mission of the Watch Committee.
6. Review periodically USIB-approved lists of indicators of hostilities, other guidance for intelligence analysis and collection, and the capability of the intelligence community to provide warning information pertinent to the mission of the Committee, recommending improvements in substantive analysis and techniques and calling on USIB agencies for assistance where appropriate.
7. Perform such additional tasks as shall be required by the USIB in the discharge of the Watch Committee mission.

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