MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: OCB Working Group on NSC 5406/1 (Yugoslavia)

10:30 A.M., July 20, 1955
OCB Conference Room

Working Group Members Present:

State Mr. David E. Mark, Chairman
Defense Capt. Walter Innis
CIA
ICA Mr. Herman Kleine
USIA Mr. Roland Perusse
OCB Mr. Paul B. Comstock, Staff Representative

Mr. Livingston Satterthwaite, Deputy Executive Officer of OCB, was present for part of the meeting.

1. The working group reviewed the present Yugoslav posture toward the Soviet orbit and the Western defense structure. Yugoslavia still refuses to cooperate on military planning and on certain aspects of the military aid program.

2. Defense member reported that plane shipments have been held up by priority deliveries to other countries. The earlier order to terminate military aid entirely remains suspended until August.

3. State is planning to suggest that a high-ranking military officer leave for Belgrade in the next few days to try to resolve the military issues. It was also reported that the question of a visit to the U.S. by Tito may arise in the near future.

4. Mr. Satterthwaite expressed the view that the next week Status Report of OCB should contain a summary of the current Yugoslav situation.

5. No date was set for the next meeting.

Paul B. Comstock
OCB Staff Representative