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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Report to Psychological Strategy Board

Attached is a draft report on steps taken by the Department to implement approved plans of the Psychological Strategy Board.

Comments and proposed new language should be submitted by the close of business on Monday, July 6, 1953.

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10. Steps taken to implement approved plans of the Psychological Strategy Board include the following:

(1) D-7/c, Psychological Operations Plan Incident to Korean Cease-Fire Negotiations. The Department of State has kept supporting plans under constant review.

(2) D-8b, Plan for Conducting Psychological Operations during General Hostilities. The Department of State chairs an interdepartmental committee established under the Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee which has virtually completed drafting of supporting plans for submission to the POC and to appropriate departments. The Department has cooperated with the Regional Public Affairs Office in Paris in collecting data in Europe and the Near East on which EUCOM can base supporting plans.

(3) D-11/d, National Overt Propaganda Policy Guidance for General War. The interdepartmental committee referred to above has kept the plan under review.

(4) D-14a, Psychological Operations Plan for the Reduction of Communist Power in France. In pursuit of agreed courses of action, the Embassy in Paris has established a panel which coordinates activities in the anti-Communist field in France, and keeps in close and continual touch with agencies and individuals of the French Government who are also working in this field. During 1952 a number of positive measures were taken. However, because of the recent lengthy governmental crisis in France, little action in any line has been possible. Efforts started some months ago to lift parliamentary immunity from six Communist deputies have not yet been successful.

(5) D-15b, Psychological Operations Plan for the Reduction of Communist Power in Italy. In accordance with the Plan there

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has been in Rome a panel consisting of the Ambassador and key members of the Embassy, NSA and OSIS staffs. The panel meets once a week to discuss all aspects of the Plan on a continuing basis. As a result of panel decisions, key officials of the Italian Government at very high levels have been kept thoroughly aware of the need for more rapid progress in reducing Communist capabilities. During 1952 and the first six months of 1953, many actions have been taken under the Plan, particularly (though by no means exclusively) in connection with the Italian national elections of June 7, 1953. Notwithstanding these and other efforts, the Communists and their allies improved their position slightly vis-a-vis last year's local elections and considerably vis-a-vis the last national elections in 1948. They won about 35% of the popular vote; in 1948 they won under 31%. They continue to be capable of obstructing and harassing constructive government activities and of operating as a dangerous fifth column in the event of war.

(6) D-18a, Psychological Operations Plan for Soviet Orbit Escapees: Phase A. The Department of State has direct operating responsibility under the plan. Under it, some 15,000 individuals have been registered for care and maintenance in Europe, and by June 1 1953 had been resettled in Latin America, the United States and Australia or are awaiting passage. Under Section 303 of the Mutual Security Act, limited programs have been carried out in South Asia and the Far East. The program has developed material useful in propaganda by the information program; the material was the basis of the rebuttal by the United States of the Czech charges in the United Nations.

(7) D-18a/1a, A National Psychological Program With Respect to Escapees from the Soviet Orbit: Phase B. The Department participated in the drafting of plans to implement NSC 143,

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which may be considered responsive to elements of D18a/1a. The Department also approved the designation of a member of the staff of the PSB as an observer on the inter-agency defector committee.

(8) D-21, A National Psychological Strategy With Regard to Germany. The plan has been sent to the Office of the High Commissioner, where its implementation is guided by a committee chaired by the Public Affairs Officers. The Department participated in an informal working party in Washington which meets monthly to review progress under the plan.

(9) D-21/2, National Psychological Strategy With Respect to Berlin. A supporting plan now under consideration concerns measures to be taken to counteract the jamming of RIAS by facilities in East Germany.

(10) D-22, Psychological Strategy Program for the Middle East. The plan has been despatched to the appropriate missions, whose comments have as received been incorporated in supporting plans. Determination is now being reached on priority objectives.

(11) D-24, Program of Psychological Preparation for Stalin's Passing from Power. The Department participated in drafting contingency guidance for the eventuality.

(12) D-25b, Staff Study: Preliminary Analysis of the Communist BW Propaganda Campaign. The Department has carried out an extensive program to counteract the charges that the United Nations Command employed biological warfare in Korea.

(13) D-27, Psychological Strategy Program for Japan. The plan has been transmitted to the Embassy in Tokyo, where two implementing committees have been established. The plan was used as a guide in the development of objectives and tasks in a country plan for Japan.

(14) D-40, Plan

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(14) D-40, Plan for Psychological Exploitation of the Death of Stalin. The Department drafted supporting plans, on the basis of which guidance was issued to media and the field, participated in the drafting of the speech of the President before the American Society of Newspaper Editors on April 16, instructed the Embassies in Tokyo and Rome and the Office of the High Commissioner in Germany to encourage the governments to which they are accredited to demand the release of their nationals still held as prisoners of war by the USSR, carried out other activities as indicated in above.

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