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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Office of The Chief of Psychological Warfare  
Special Staff, U. S. Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

18 Apr 51

MEMORANDUM FOR: Gen Willoughby

SUBJECT: OPC Responsibilities

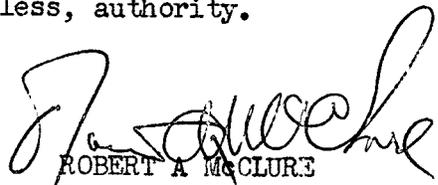
1. NSC 10/2 is the OPC charter. Certain of their responsibilities but not all of them are reflected in 1969/1.

2. Par 4 of 10/2 charges OPC with planning and execution of covert operations in time of peace. In time of national emergency or war, the operational activities come under the Joint Chiefs of Staff and, where appropriate, under theater commanders.

3. President Truman declared that we were in the period of national emergency. If par 4 were applied, OPC's activities would be under JCS and theater commanders. However, at Gen Smith's request, concurred in by Secy Marshall and Secy Acheson, the President suspended the application of par 4, pending a clarification of OPC responsibilities in time of national emergency and war. This clarifying paper, titled NSC 10/3, was not concurred in by the Joint Chiefs, who recommended that the provisions of par 4 be put into effect at once. The NSC split on this paper and the President directed Gen Smith to try to work out a modus operandi with Gen Bradley. When I left Washington on 12 April this paper from Gen Smith had just been received. It has not yet been acted upon.

4. The present situation and status of clarifying papers leaves par 4 still suspended and OPC's responsibilities in this period of national emergency or, under a literal interpretation, this period of Far Eastern war, in full possession of the field.

5. From my conversation with Gen Smith and from my personal knowledge of the President's views, I am inclined to believe that OPC will secure more, rather than less, authority.

  
ROBERT A. McCLURE  
Brigadier General, USA  
Chief of Psychological Warfare

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

APO 500  
6 March 1951

Lt Gen W. B. Smith  
Director, Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

*My dear Bedell*

Inclosures 1, 2 and 3 are DA (PSYWAR) radios to CINCFE relative to DEPTAR's newly announced Special Operations program.

Inclosure 1, the initiating message, rather perturbed me in that I could not quite determine from its context the impact it would have upon our mutually agreed modus operandi. I am still not altogether clear even after my exchange of messages with DA (PSYWAR), as to the precise delineation of responsibilities of CINCFE vis-a-vis Special Operations, particularly as regards peripheral areas - which General McClure apparently terms "prospective theaters".

However, irregardless of the nebulous implications which might be read into these messages, I am inclined to view our recent Agreement as resting on sound logic which will afford maximum cooperation and provide the greatest integrated service to our tactical effort and future planning.

I am given the impression that OPC is now cut off from procuring qualified personnel in the Army in furthering its own long-range requirements. This looks like a "double-cross" to which I do not propose to become a party. I know nothing of the McClure organization except that it looks like a typical Pentagon arriere pensee.

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Your personal comments in the premises would be most welcome.

*Cordially*  
*C. A. Willoughby*

C. A. WILLOUGHBY  
Major General, GSC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

3 Incls:

- 1. DA Rad 83412, dtd 14 Feb 51
- 2. DA Rad 84112, dtd 22 Feb 51
- 3. DA Rad 84162, dtd 24 Feb 51

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

14 Feb 51

FROM : DEPTAR (CSUSA) WASH DC  
 TO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN, CINCEUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, CINCAIRB  
 FT WADSWORTH TX, CG US FORCES AUSTRIA, CG TRUST TRIESTE, CG USARAF  
 FT RICHARDSON ALASKA  
 INFO : JAMAC LONDON  
 NA : DA 83412

The Sec Army has expressed his keen interest in the concern over the successful development of the Psy War Spec Ops Program. He has emphasized the necessity of full recognition by all comdrs of the vital importance of this program to natl defense and security in the present emergency, and has directed that the fullest cooperation of all echelons of comd throughout the Army be achieved and maintained to insure the highest degree of success in the development and progress of this program.

The Ofc of the Chief of Psy War, established as an Ofc of the Spec Staff, USA, on 15 Jan 51 by SO Nbr 1, DEPTAR, dtd 17 Jan 51, has created a strong organization for the formulation and development of Psy War and Spec Ops Plans for the Army and for the supervision of the execution of DEPTAR Programs in these fields. It is directing every effort to further the success of this program and to assist as appropriate all other agencies of the Army in the execution of their part thereof.

It is desired that you render the fullest measure of support and cooperation in furthering the Psy War and Spec Ops Program and in insuring its successful development and progress within your respective comds.

Primary importance within the overseas major comds, especially in active and prospective theaters of ops, is the organization and functioning of the Psy War and Spec Ops Staffs on a sound, active, and effective basis in order that current and future opportunities for effective Psy War and Spec Ops may be exploited to the fullest practicable extent. Such a basis should envisage supervision and guidance over an appropriate combination of propaganda and unconventional warfare activities by staff organizations that will provide effective integration of these activities in such

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a way as to insure full support of combat operations now being conducted or contemplated and planned for the future.

It is equally important that the commanders of overseas comds formulate detailed plans for the conduct of Psy War and Spec Opns in the event of a general war, and that these plans contemplate the use of all known techniques and facilities available for such operations.

Effective coordination of Psy War Measures and Spec Opns at the national level is essential, and to this end, commanders in overseas theaters and areas should forward full reports on current and future plans and operations.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity for your full recognition of the importance of Psy War and Spec Opns in which the Sec Army has expressed such interest and concern. It is desired that you give planning, preparatory measures, and the conduct of actual opns in the fields of Psy War and Spec Opns the priority commensurate with their importance.

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22 Feb 51

FROM : DEPTAR (PSYWAR) WASH DC  
TO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN, CINCPAC, CINCPAC, COM US FORCES AUSTRALIA,  
CG TRUST WASH DC, CG USARPAC, CEF JUSMAG LONDON  
NR : DA 84112

Ref DA 83412 Special Ops as used therein should be interpreted as covering unconventional warfare as defined in unconventional warfare annex to emerg war plan.

Your support for appropriate agencies other than Army in these fields is also encouraged and nothing in DA 83412 modifies in any respect functions and responsibilities of DCIA.

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24 Feb 51

FROM: DEPTAR (PSYWAR) WASH DC

TO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN

NR : DA 84162

REURMSG C 56061. Guidance on function and scope "Special Operations" contained in DA 84112. Currently DEPTAR PSYWAR does not direct but coordinates with OPC on covert matters defined in JCS 1969/1.

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INFORMATION : COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3

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REMARKS:

*This is the note  
 we discussed this  
 memo.*

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**A. C. of S., G-2**  
**GHQ SCAP**

18 April, 1951

**SUBJECT :** General McClure, Chief of Psychological Warfare

**TO** General W. B. Smith  
Director, CIA

*My dear Bill*

McClure, openly your competitor, is raising hell around here with a view of taking over what I thought was a most amiable arrangement [redacted]

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[redacted] Of course, I am not unaware of the remarkable coincidence of McClure's arrival at the time of the catastrophic departure of Gen MacArthur. His first interview indicated a desire to take over. I am uncertain as to what this means; in the meantime, I shall fade out of the picture sooner or later though the remaining people, in charge, [redacted]

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*My dear [unclear]*

This is a PS - I just ran into a little gem of thought on the part of brother McClure. His reason for pointing out para 4 was to suggest that the operations come under the JCS, i.e. direction from Washington and that his section in Washington is the channel thru which the JCS operate. Q.E.D. The direction is from Chief, PsyWar into the theater.

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