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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: Midday Meeting of PSB, October 30, 1952,
in General Smith's Office.

Present: David K. E. Bruce
W. Bedell Smith
Charles A. Coolidge
Alan G. Kirk

Action was taken as follows on the items indicated:

Procedure for NSC 10/5 Matters

The memorandum of October 28, 1952, by the Director of Central Intelligence was agreed to. General Smith will present it in smooth form to the other two members of the Board, who will indicate their concurrence in writing. General Smith will then forward the paper to the NSC Secretariat, in conformity with the last paragraph thereof.

Admiral Kirk said that he would commence the preliminary work of the revision of the 10/5 Procedure to implement the recommendations contained in General Smith's paper -- this to be in draft form until approved by the Board.

Civil Defense

The luncheon meeting of Admiral Kirk and several of his staff with James J. Wadsworth, Acting Administrator of Civil Defense, was brought to the attention of the Board. The matter of an "observer" from the PSB Staff to sit with the panel proposed by Mr. Wadsworth to study psychological problems inside the U.S., with the view of reporting thereon and with respect to the psychological repercussion of such items on the foreign field with which PSB may properly be concerned, was agreed to.

It was pointed out by Mr. Bruce that the PSB Staff observer should be very careful to remain an "observer" and discourage any disposition on the part of Civil Defense authorities to associate themselves with the activities of PSB.

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Quarterly Report to NSC

The Board was informed that the NSC Staff was favorable to the idea of a semi-annual rather than a quarterly report to NSC. It was recommended that the Board go along with this suggestion, which was agreed to. It was further indicated that the PSB Staff should prepare a form and method of procedure in drawing up the periodic reports to the NSC. Admiral Kirk undertook to do this.

Format for Plans

It was indicated by Admiral Kirk that the PSB Staff was having a little difficulty in certain areas with respect to the proposed plan or format for making plans. It was reported to the Board that since there was no standard form for drawing up plans, it seemed entirely within the province of the PSB Staff to prescribe a format under which the plans of PSB should be submitted. This will be done.

Joseph Sweeney

A memorandum was furnished Mr. Bruce concerning the great desirability of having Mr. Joseph Sweeney undertake the study of the

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[redacted] It appears there may be a possibility that FP of State may have in mind an assignment for Mr. Sweeney in the near future. Mr. Bruce was requested, if practicable, to hold Mr. Sweeney for this study until 1 January 1953. This was agreed to.

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Mr. Bruce was informed that there were rumors afloat that [redacted] might shortly be assigned to some other activity, either at home or abroad. It was pointed out that [redacted] had left his post in [redacted] as head of the [redacted]. He was assigned to the PSB Staff in December 1951, and it is urgently desired that he not be transferred at the present time. This Mr. Bruce undertook to look into.

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Alan G. Kirk
Director.

cc: General W. Bedell Smith

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