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Summary: The Board is to consider the views of the State Department with respect to this plan, as set forth in the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board (page 3 of the first document in this agenda book). Mr. Harriman has addressed himself to the first paragraph of the observations of the State member by expressing his concern that the use of the word, "permissive," might be misconstrued. The Director of the Psychological Strategy Board has, therefore, submitted the following resolution for Board approval:

"Resolved: The Board's approval of PSB D-14/b, as amended, is with the understanding that the specific actions set forth in that paper are permissive rather than mandatory, and are to be carried out in the discretion of the Ambassador and the Department of State. However, the fact that these actions are permissive in no way detracts from the Board's position: first, that the continued strength of the Communist movement [redacted] is a source of serious concern to the United States, which it intends to make clear to [redacted] Government at every appropriate occasion; second, that the



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Recommendation: That you approve the resolution suggested by the Director.

NSC review(s) completed.

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