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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Procedures for Handling 10/5 Matters in PSB

1. You are aware of the fact that the Psychological Strategy Board Staff submitted to this Agency just prior to the last regular meeting of the PSB a draft of a proposed memorandum for the members of the PSB concerning procedures for discharging PSB responsibilities under Paragraph 3 of 10/5.

2. There are two major problems which it is hoped the establishment of these procedures will help to solve. The first of these is the review of all projects which OPC has undertaken to date, and the second is the review and approval of major projects which will come up in the future.

3. The draft memorandum proposes that a panel be set up, consisting of the same representatives of the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who now advise CIA's Office of Policy Coordination pursuant to NSC 10/2. In addition, the panel would have a representative of the Director of PSB and of the Director of Central Intelligence. The draft memorandum proposes that this panel be chaired by the representative of the Director of Central Intelligence. I do not agree with this latter point and believe the panel should be chaired by the representative of the Director of the PSB, preferably Mr. Barnes. If this Agency provides the chairman, this phase of the process takes on too much the appearance of a CIA-controlled outfit set up to rubber stamp the approvals of our own projects.

4. Any program or major project on which the panel cannot reach agreement or which raises questions of policy, desirability or feasibility of sufficient importance to warrant formal consideration by the PSB will be referred to the Director of PSB for submission to that body. Any program or major project in which the panel as a whole has reached unanimous agreement will be referred for approval to the individual members of the PSB by their representatives. If there is any disagreement at this lower level, the program or project will be referred to the PSB as a whole.

5. I believe that this proposal as modified in par. 3 above represents an acceptable solution and that the difficulties in procedure which may

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arise can be worked out. This proposal has the advantage of restricting knowledge of our activities to a group, with exception of the PSB member, which already has this knowledge because of its responsibilities under NSC 10/2. It also provides a mechanism which should greatly minimize the additional load on yourself and the other members of the PSB.

6. I recommend that you agree to have this matter discussed at the next meeting of the PSB and that you support the proposed procedures in principle.

(signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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cc: Mr. Dulles

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