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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination
ATTENTION : Deputy Assistant Director for Policy Coordination
FROM : Assistant Chief of Operations, DD/P
SUBJECT : Analysis of OPC's Capabilities to Support a National Psychological Strategy

1. The Deputy Director (Plans) has asked me to consult with you regarding OPC's revised draft of its capabilities in regard to the development of a national psychological strategy. The DD/P recognizes that this is a draft and subject to revision. He feels that most of it is quite good but that in some places capabilities have been understated and in others they have been overstated.

2. Although Admiral Stevens is anxious to receive the draft, DD/P feels that it would be better to postpone submission for one more week so that his comments on the draft could receive appropriate consideration. Most of his marginal notes are self-explanatory. However, I am passing on below some of his oral observations.

Page 5 - Is the first paragraph under (B) overstated?

Is not the second paragraph understated and underevaluated? DD/P suggests that the part about Radio Free Europe be built up since there is so much specific evidence of its effectiveness.

Page 6 - Considered vague.

Page 7 - An unrealistic assessment of the strength and
Page 8 - influence of the non-Communist [redacted] in [redacted]

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Page 12 - Suggests reworking section on resistance.

Page 15 - DD/P feels that our capabilities for the subversion [redacted] or the recovery of [redacted] are overstated. This should be rewritten in a more conservative vein.

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Page 16 - The part about [redacted] is considered debatable.

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Pages 17 and 18 - "Recommended Policy Changes" - DD/P feels that this section is weak in its entirety. Could this be eliminated from the present draft?

Appendix A - page 2 - This should be written up in more guarded fashion as regards Eastern Europe.

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3. At Mr. [] suggestion, I have talked with Colonel Philbin and advised him that the earliest the paper can be submitted to PSB will be 25 April. While he is anxious to get the study, he seemed fully sympathetic to our desire to provide an accurate estimate of our capabilities on which PSB planning could be based.

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