

17 March 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Special Assistant to the Director  
Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT:

Dr. Lilly's Report on the Background of the Psychological Strategy Board.

1. Reference is made to your note of 13 March under cover of which you submitted for my review the "unapproved" text of the Report by Dr. Lilly. You have requested my comments concerning this document.

2. To comment sufficiently upon this draft, which is considered to be in very rough form, would require a very considerable effort on my part, especially if I were to undertake to make these comments in writing. I would find it much more satisfactory to deal with Dr. Lilly directly when it comes down to a question of the numerous textual changes which I would want to recommend, than to endeavor in a formal memorandum to set forth the thoughts which I have. One of my points in this regard is that there are matters which need to be discussed in a conversation back and forth in order to bring out correct meanings and shades of meaning.

3. For the foregoing reasons as well as the fact that Dr. Lilly seems to have drawn heavily upon his discussions with me for many of the passages following Page 40 of the Report -- I should like to feel free to discuss these matters with Dr. Lilly. You may recall that Dr. Lilly first called upon me pursuant to a request of Mr. Gray who was then Director of the PSB, which request was reported to and sanctioned by General Smith.

4. It is my feeling that the PSB has the responsibility for determining how much of the Report to accept and adopt, and also for the use of the document when put into finished form. It would be my suggestion that this document be very closely held and that its circulation be restricted to persons having a very legitimate interest and "need to know". There is, of course, much controversial material in the Report as written, and moreover extensive reference is made to documents which are still very highly classified.

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