

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
Washington, D. C.

August 26, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, AUGUST 26, 1953

Place: Office of the Chairman, Psychological Strategy Board
Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Cabell, Stassen, Streibert, and Morgan.

Agenda Item 1. Increased Radio Facilities for U.S. Programming to China and Korea

The Board approved a proposal to make full power tests of transmitter [redacted] with the understanding that if the tests disrupt other essential electronic services in the area, they will be immediately discontinued.

The Board also agreed that unified coordination of radio broadcasting to Korea is needed, and discussed the diplomatic and military considerations involved. It appointed a committee of Mr. Phillips (State), General Erskine (Defense), and Mr. Hamilton (USIA) to work out a mutually acceptable plan for such coordination, subject to the proviso that during the next 90 days every consideration must be given to protecting the prerogative of the military commander with regard to protecting the security of the troops for which he is responsible. If the plan developed by the committee is concurred in by the three principals concerned, it is to go into operation without further reference to the Board.

With regard to Syngman Rhee's request for aid in building new radio facilities in South Korea, it was felt that the matter should be given "sympathetic consideration", but no decision taken for the time being.

Agenda Item 2. Handling of Chinese and North Korean Non-Repatriated Prisoners of War in Korea

The Board stressed the importance of handling this delicate problem with the greatest possible care.

Agenda Item 3 is covered in a separate memorandum.

Agenda Item 4. Other Business

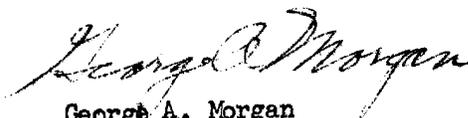
The Board again expressed its firm opposition to the use of Federal troops to control the "wetback" problem.

I called the Board's attention to the early NSC deadline on the study of U.S. prestige (NSC Action 867) and pointed out that it would probably be impossible for the Board to meet this deadline in view of the time reportedly required by CIA for completion of its estimate.

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The Board concurred in a State Department draft of a reply by the President to Adenauer's letter about clothing for East Germany.

The Board agreed that it would be desirable to make some gestures, particularly with surplus food, in Western Europe at Christmas time. The Chairman asked me to refer this to an appropriate working group for study.



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