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Fifteenth Meeting of the
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
September 11, 1952 2:55 p. m.
Director's Conference Room
Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency

MEMBERS:

- General Walter Bedell Smith, Director of Central Intelligence,
Chairman
- Mr. William C. Foster, Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Mr. Howland H. Sargeant, Assistant Secretary of State
- Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Director, Psychological Strategy Board
- Admiral Alan G. Kirk, USN (Ret.), Director-Designate,
Psychological Strategy Board

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Office of the Director of Mutual Security

Mr. Averell Harriman, Director (For Item 1 only)

Department of State

Mr. Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Chief, External Research Staff,
Office of Intelligence Research

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Brig. General John Magruder, USA (Ret.)

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Brig. General Jesmond D. Balmer

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Loftus Becker, Deputy Director (Intelligence)

Mr. Frank Wisner, Deputy Director (Plans)

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Research and Development Board

Mr. Don K. Price, Deputy Chairman

Psychological Strategy Board

- Mr. Charles E. Johnson, Secretary to the Board
- Major Edmund J. Bennett, Deputy Executive Officer
- Lt. Colonel Tobias R. Philbin
- Mr. John Sherman
- Mr. Edmond L. Taylor

NSC review(s) completed.

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Agenda Item No. 1. - Doctrinal (Ideological) Warfare Against the USSR (PSE D-33)

The Board accepted the recommendation that a panel be created; the panel would be authorized to make any appropriate final revisions in its terms of reference as given in PSB D-33. General Smith nominated

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Agenda Item No. 2. - A Strategic Concept for a National Psychological Program with Particular Reference to Cold War Operations under NSC 10/5 (PSE D-31)

The Paper is approved as soon as the comments of the Department of Defense are received by the Director and agreed to by the Department of State and CIA. General Smith and Mr. Sargeant approved the paper as submitted.

Agenda Item No. 3. -

- a. Briefings on Research in the Social Sciences of Use to Psychological Strategy Board Planning and Operations
- b. Report on Social Science Research in Cold War Operations - prepared by Henry Loomis, PSB Staff Consultant (PSE D-32) (This item not on agenda.)

Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Becker and Price briefed the Board on organization and procedures for interagency coordination of social science research.

The Board did not accept the Loomis report. It agreed that intra-agency and department coordination for research should be further developed. A formal centralized mechanism for interagency and department coordination would not be authorized at this time. The Board noted the informal coordinating procedures now being conducted by OIR of the Department of State, agreed to PSB Staff association with these activities, and directed the PSB Staff to make further recommendations with respect to the problems elicited in the briefing.

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