

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

The Director of PSB has requested approval in writing of the minutes of PSB meetings. The Staff is attempting to change this procedure to one in which minutes will be automatically adopted if there is no réclame within a stated period of time. It is requested that you sign the attached approval of the minutes of the 7th and 8th meetings of the PSB.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. RAYMOND B. ALLEN
Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes of the 7th and 8th Meetings

1. This memorandum is my written confirmation of approval of the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board.

2. I have noted the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board and approve their form and content. It is to be noted, however, with respect to Agenda Item 1, that the comments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have not been furnished as of this date to the members of the Board for their study of the proposed changes.

Signed

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE DIRECTOR OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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DCI's log 24 Jan 52
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January 22, 1952

General Walter B. Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

I am enclosing herewith the minutes of the eighth meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board held January 10th, in the Department of Defense, for approval or, if considered necessary, for correction.

In order to expedite Board business, if these minutes are in acceptable form, request your written approval.

For the Director:



Charles W. McCarthy
Colonel, U.S.A.
Executive Officer

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MINUTES

Eighth Meeting of the
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
January 10, 1952 2:00 p.m.
Room 3E28, Pentagon

MEMBERS:

- General Walter B. Smith, Director of Central Intelligence,
Chairman
- Honorable William C. Foster, Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Honorable James E. Webb, Under Secretary of State
- Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Director, Psychological Strategy Board
- Mr. Gordon Gray, former Director, Psychological Strategy Board

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Department of State

Mr. Edward W. Barrett, Assistant Secretary of State for
Public Affairs

Department of Defense

Brig. Gen. John A. Magruder, USA (Ret'd)

Joint Chiefs of Staff

Brig. Gen. Jesmond D. Balmer, USA

Central Intelligence Agency

Frank Wisner, Deputy Director

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Psychological Strategy Board

- Tracy Barnes, Deputy Director
- Col. Charles W. McCarthy, Executive Officer
- Capt. Richard N. Antrim (for Agenda Items 1 and 2)
- Majr Edmund J. Bennett, Secretary

Charles W. McCarthy
Colonel, U.S.A.
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Approval of Minutes of Sixth Meeting

Action:

At the request of the Chairman, the minutes of the sixth meeting were approved without discussion.

Agenda Item 1. - Plan for Conducting Psychological Operations During General Hostilities (PSB D-8a)

Discussion:

Mr. Foster reported that the comments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject Plan had just come to him for review so that he had not as yet had an opportunity to analyze them thoroughly. These comments included some points which will require consideration of the Board. He advised that there would be a presentation of the points of difference at the next meeting of the Board.

General Balmer briefly discussed the comments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which proposed certain changes to the Plan. Since such changes involved matters of substance the Board decided to defer action until a future meeting in order to permit each member to study the proposed changes and their effect on the Plan.

Agenda Item 2. - Plan to Assure the Continued Orientation of toward the West.

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Action:

The Board requested the Director to make recommendations to it at the next meeting concerning the assignment of responsibility for the development of the subject Plan.

Discussion:

Mr. Webb proposed that State Department staff should take the lead in drafting the basic Plan, which would contain annexes developed jointly with CIA and JCS. Mr. Webb stated his belief that the responsibility for preparing a Plan such as this should be assigned to the member agency having the major interest. Consequently, such agency rather than PSB should chair the panel or study group preparing the Plan.

Mr. Foster recognized that the primarily interested department must make a major contribution to the preparation of a Plan, as State will have to do in the subject Plan. He suggested, however, that PSB should retain the responsibility for preparation in order to discharge its duty under its directive of coordinating the efforts of all interested departments. Mr. Foster then mentioned the possibility of having the chairman chosen from the agency with the primary interest but having him discharge his duties as chairman as a representative of PSB. Dr. Allen indicated that this might be a proper solution.

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General Smith said that his staff had commented that the present State Department paper is more of a general treatise than a workable national psychological plan; it is, however, a good point of departure for the preparation of such a plan. The CIA staff recommended that the Plan be evolved by a PSB panel, but General Smith indicated no preference for either of the two approaches presented.

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Post Agenda Items:

1. Mr. Webb reported that Mr. Ralph Block had been designated to represent the State Department in the group concerned with development of policy on statements concerning certain novel weapons.

2. Representatives of the JCS, Army, Navy and Air Force presented a briefing entitled: "The Organization and Operations within the Military Establishment in the Field of Psychological Operations."

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