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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF BASIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPECIAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH

SUBJECT: Training of Air Force Psychological Warfare Staff Officers

1. Plans for the training of qualified Air Force Psychological Warfare Staff Officers are being developed by appropriate Staff Divisions of headquarters, U.S.A.F., in collaboration with the Air University.

2. In order to permit immediate implementation of such training and provide a nucleus of key personnel as soon as possible, an interim program proposed by the Air University has already been approved in part. This program has been set up in three phases:

a. Phase 1. Consists of selection of field grade officers who will complete graduate level education at civilian universities in the social science field between 1 Aug 48 and 1 Mar 49 and the detail of this group to the Public Information Officers Course at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Upon completion of this detail, these officers will be assigned to higher headquarters for duties permitting further experience and training in psychological warfare. They will ultimately receive advanced broad staff training at such institutions as the Air War College and the National War College. (The field grade Air Force Officers considered qualified for this type of training are presently earmarked to attend the class of the Joint P.I.O. School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.)

b. Phase 2. Consists of the selection of officers with outstanding recent academic experience at the undergraduate level in civilian institutions in the social science fields or graduates of appropriate service schools and their entry into a specially arranged course at Georgetown University. The special course will continue for approximately twelve months, upon completion of which assignment of graduates will conform to that of Phase 1. (The special course referred to above has been established and eight Air Force officers are now undergoing this training.)

c. Phase 3. Consists of the selection of outstanding officers recently entered or now entering civilian institutions at the completion of their first semester, for specialization in areas appropriate to psychological warfare. Where such officers are in graduate level programs, they will be handled as in Phase 1 upon completion of current academic course. Where they are studying at undergraduate levels, they will be handled as in Phase 2.

OSD & DOS review(s) completed.

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STATE-ARMY-NAVY-AIR FORCE COORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON SPECIAL STUDIES AND EVALUATIONSSTATUS REPORT1 September 1948 - 30 September 1948I - MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Colonel H. F. Cunningham was designated the Army Member on 27 August 1948 vice Colonel W. L. McNamee and Lt. Col. W. B. Edwards (alternate) relieved.

II - MEETINGS

(1) During this period the Subcommittee held six regular meetings.

(2) On 8 September 1948 the Subcommittee met with the Acoustics Panel, Electronics Committee, R&DB.

III- WORK IN PROGRESS(1) Actively considered:

(a) Draft SSE 10/1 - Projects for each Working Group Proposed in SANACC 304/16.

(b) Proposed Emergency National Plan for Overt Psychological Warfare (SSE 2 Series).

(1) Development of Policies Outlined in SANACC 304 series.

(c) Research in Offensive and Defensive Overt Psychological Warfare (Draft SSE 11/2).

(d) National Institute for Propaganda Analysis (Draft SSE 12). Referred to CIA for appropriate action.

(e) Policy-Oriented Personnel for Overt Psychological Warfare (Draft SSE 12).

(2) Other Problems on the SSE Agenda:

(a) U.S. National Policy on Overt Psychological Warfare (SSE 8 and 8/1).

(b) Determination of the functions and resources of agencies within the Federal structure which could be utilized by a NSIA (National Security Information Agency).

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(c) Legal problems attendant on establishment of a NSIA.

(d) Personnel policies relating to training, development of rosters and classification categories for a NSIA; determination of types of personnel and skills to be mobilized for Overt Psychological Warfare through the National Security Resources Board.

(e) Determination of scope of operating relationship with the Research and Development Board for essential research in methods, techniques and equipment for producing mass psychological attitudes and reactions.

(f) Scope of Prospective National Overt Psychological Warfare Organization (Draft SSE 9/1).

IV - FORMAL ACTION ON SUBCOMMITTEE PAPERS

At its 69th Meeting on 23 September 1948 the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee approved SANACC 304/16 after amending.

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