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THE PROBLEM

1. To study and report on the future status of psychological warfare and recommend:

- a. A peacetime organization for keeping psychological warfare in a ready-for-mobilization status;
- b. A wartime psychological warfare organization; both organizations to be assigned such directives as will insure effective planning, coordination and implementation, particularly with respect to the integration of national psychological warfare with military plans.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM AND DISCUSSION

- 2. (Definition).
- 3. For further FBOP and Discussion, see Appendix "B".

CONCLUSIONS

- 4. It is concluded that:
 - a. Psychological warfare is an important factor in the achievement of national aims and military objectives.
 - b. The State Department has the primary responsibility for national policy determination in psychological warfare activities.
 - c. The Army and the Navy have a definite interest in psychological warfare policy determination, particularly insofar as ~~it~~ ^{WHICH} affects the military security of the United States, and should ~~maintain~~ ^{internal} an organization charged with (1) participation with other governmental agencies in the national psychological warfare effort including ~~representation on the committee~~ ^{internal} and (2) planning and development of psychological warfare techniques and organization as an integral part of military and naval strategy and operations.

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e. g. There is need for the immediate establishment of a permanent central committee to serve as a planning body, to continuously study the problems involved in psychological warfare, and to coordinate the national psychological warfare effort.

f. g. Appropriate agencies of the government should be required to assist in implementation of approved psychological ^{warfare} ~~strategy~~ plans.

g. f. The implementation of psychological warfare plans and directives in ^{actual or potential} a military theater of operations ~~or projected opera-~~ ^{IN} ~~ations~~ ^{MILITARY} should be an active responsibility of the Theater Commander concerned.

~~The Central Intelligence Group, NIA, should assume direct responsibility for the following special functions of Psychological Warfare, with the provision that in military theaters of operations, the conduct of such activities to be the direct responsibility of the Theater Commander:~~

~~(1) Morale Subversion~~

~~The planning and conducting of all forms of morale subversion by means of false rumors, false documents, false leaflets, "freedom stations", the organization and support of Fifth Column activities, and the use of agents to create confusion and undermine the morale of the enemy or potential enemy.~~

~~(2) Physical Subversion~~

~~The planning and the execution of approved special operations such as sabotage, organization and conduct~~

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of guerrilla warfare, support of underground resistance groups, and other similar operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that SNECC:

a. Approve Appendix "A" (a charter for the agency proposed in paragraph 4c. *subject to approval of the NIA.*

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b. Forward this report to the National Intelligence Authority, recommending approval of Appendix "A".

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c. Inform the President, by personal representation, of contents of this report *and the action taken thereon.*

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d. Transmit this report to the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, *the* Director of Central Intelligence, and members of the committee only, for guidance and appropriate measures of implementation.

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