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A REPORT
TO THE
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

by

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

on

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES

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REFERENCES a:

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At its second meeting the National Security Council referred [Redacted] to the National Security Council Staff for revision in the light of the comments at the meeting. The enclosed report has been prepared pursuant to that directive, after consultation with representatives of the Departments of State, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, and of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is recommended that the National Security Council approve the enclosed report and authorize its submission to the President, with the recommendation that he approve the "Conclusions" contained therein and direct that they be implemented by all appropriate executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government under the coordination of the Secretary of State.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS
Executive Secretary

Distribution:

- The President
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THE PROBLEM

1. To determine what steps are required to strengthen and coordinate all foreign information measures of the U. S. Government in furtherance of the attainment of US national objectives.

ANALYSIS

2. The USSR is conducting an intensive propaganda campaign directed primarily against the US and is employing coordinated psychological, political and economic measures designed to undermine non-Communist elements in all countries. The ultimate objective of this campaign is not merely to undermine the prestige of the US and the effectiveness of its national policy but to weaken and divide world opinion to a point where effective opposition to Soviet designs is no longer attainable by political, economic or military means. In conducting this campaign, the USSR is utilizing all measures available to it through satellite regimes, Communist parties, and organizations susceptible to Communist influence.

3. The US is not now employing strong, coordinated information measures to counter this propaganda campaign or to further the attainment of its national objectives. The ex-

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3. Department of the Navy:

a. The Division of Public Information, under the executive office of the Secretary of the Navy, has under it the Office of Public Relations.

b. (See 2-a above.)

4. Department of the Air Force:

a. Troop Information and Education Division under the Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Personnel and Administration.

b. (See 2-a above.)

APPENDIX

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