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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. [ ]

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SUBJECT: EDUCATOR project.

1. You will recall that prior to Ambassador Murphy's recent return to Germany, Mr. Offie and I briefed him at some length concerning the significance, aims and objectives of the Educator project, and he undertook to speak to General Hall and/or General Clay (as the occasion might seem to warrant) upon his return to Germany. You have all seen the letter which I received from Ambassador Murphy following his return to Germany and the conversation which he had with General Hall. This letter indicated an unsatisfactory result of this approach.

2. Upon Ambassador Murphy's arrival at the airport this morning, I discussed this matter with him briefly in order to find out exactly what is on General Hall's mind. Ambassador Murphy told me that after his unsatisfactory conversation with General Hall, he had deemed it inadvisable to raise the subject with General Clay. He had explained to General Hall the background, significance and extent of the present limited OPC operation in Germany to the best of his ability based upon all of the facts contained in [ ]'s memorandum, plus what Offie and I had told him. However, this explanation had not been sufficient to satisfy General Hall or to quiet his apprehensions in regard to the [ ] operation. Ambassador Murphy said that Hall had told him that he had written a letter to me some days before but I do not recall ever having seen a letter from General Hall on this particular subject. (Perhaps the letter is delayed in transit and will reach us shortly, although I doubt if it will provide any additional enlightenment. General Hall repeated to Ambassador Murphy that in his "present frame of mind about the [ ] operation" he would not be able to brief General Clay favorably concerning it. He is troubled about the possibility that it may contain explosive possibilities and that he does not have enough knowledge about it or control over it to be certain that the program will not result in "incidents" which would prove very embarrassing to General Clay. General Hall considers it his responsibility to protect General Clay from this sort of thing and he adhered to this line, notwithstanding Ambassador Murphy's suggestion to him that General Clay has survived many "incidents" in the past and that "incidents" are to be expected in the normal course of events given the conditions of cold war with which we are confronted.

3. But for the possibility of certain developments of major importance which may occur in the relatively near future, my reaction to the foregoing would be that the time had come for Mr. Offie to under-

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take a flying (in both senses of the expression) mission to Germany in an effort to get General Hall to understand that the [ ] activity is a part of a broad program which has been ordered by the NSC after over a year's consideration; that in the course of this deliberation the decision was taken by the chiefs of state of the U.S. to take certain calculated risks; and that it is, therefore, inappropriate for him to frustrate this activity by imposing his independent judgment as to the general desirability or undesirability of the conduct of covert psychological warfare within the area of General Clay's responsibility. I should like your reactions to the foregoing, but it is my preliminary reaction that we should wait a bit longer to see how things develop on the major issues above referred to. You might also consider the advisability of sending a cable to [ ] informing him that we have received a report from Ambassador Murphy which is not altogether satisfactory and asking him whether he is in need of immediate top-level intervention from here in order to continue his operation.

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