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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

HR70-14

On basis of subject paper and as directed by the Admiral, I took the following action this date:

1. Conferred with Brig. Gen. G. L. Eberle, Deputy Chief, Civil Affairs Division, Department of the Army, in his office.


I referred to General Robert A. McClure's recent discussion with the SANACC Sub-committee on Special Studies. Noted that General McClure was definitely an authority on the subject of Psychological Warfare but that he might be inclined, through lack of knowledge, to "politic" for action which was contrary to the policy and views of the Department of Defense and the Army. Noted that it was the desire of CIA, through me as an Army Officer, to keep the present situation "in the family" in an effort to save Gen. McClure embarrassment. Suggested that Gen. McClure discuss the matter with me before making any further statements before this particular SANACC sub-committee.


Gen. Eberle said he would talk to Gen. McClure at the first opportunity and appeared grateful that we had taken this approach through him.

2. Conferred with Mr. George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Information, in his office.

I referred to the same meeting noted above, with particular mention of Mr. Oechsner's remark that "one of the problems of his working committee under NSC 4 is whether they coordinate 'facilities' or 'activities'". Noted that CIA was most anxious to support Mr. Allen in his program in every possible way but that we also had a job and could not permit Mr. Oechsner or anyone else to "free wheel" in matters not pertinent to his own job and which might jeopardize the security of ours. Noted that such activities were not only dangerous to us but might well endanger Mr. Allen's own mission. Strongly recommended that he take steps to keep his people within their own field of endeavor--or at least out of ours--so that it would not be necessary for us to take action through higher authority.

Mr. Allen thanked me for bringing the matter to his attention but made no commitments.


Brigadier General, USA

 Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Conferred with Mr. Geo. V. Allen, Asst. Secy State for Public Affairs,
concerning activity of SANACC sub-committee on the NSC-4 Coordination
of Foreign ^{Information} Measures as result of report from [redacted]
(This in connection with visit to Gen. Eberle earlier in day).
(Memo attached. See Item II)

[redacted]

ORE inspection with Director and Executive Director.

Lunched in office with Director.

[redacted] briefed Deputy Director on progress of the working staff
of the Consultative Group on Foreign Information Measures.
Advised set up of Asst Secy State Allen's division. Spends
mornings working with working staff at quarters in Temporary G Bldg.,
and afternoons with the Plans and Policy Group of ORE.

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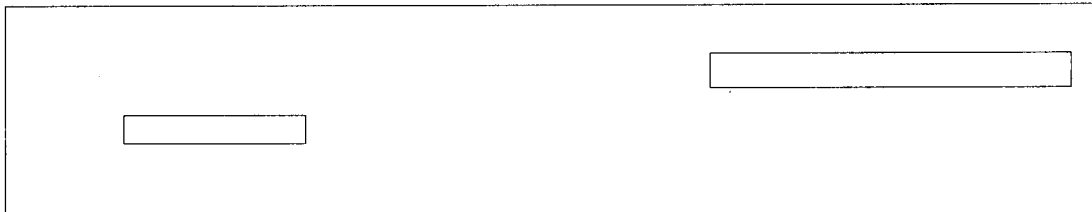
With Director and Executive Director.

Director advised that he had reconsidered request of SANACC for member on sub-committee. Deputy Director therefore called Mr. Moseley, Secretary, SANACC, and suggested that our memo on subject be endorsed back to us suggesting that reconsideration be given to subject.

Checked with [redacted] NSC, to determine from what source pressure had been applied concerning subject. [redacted] advised that he had initially discussed subject with the Director very briefly; that Secy SANACC had called him after receiving our memo on subject; and that as a result Mr. Souers had called DCI.

[redacted] OSO, concerning Intelligence Digest -- in which publication appears a statement that CIA uses their Digest for source material. Director and Deputy Director were cognizant of statement--but deemed it inadvisable to acknowledge statement to publisher.

[redacted] OSO, concerning desire of [redacted] SO personnel procurement, to contact [redacted] personnel people to check through their files of rejects in foreign office applicants, which might be considered for some specific use. Contacted Mr. Crowe, CB/QO, and suggested he ask Mr. Hunt to make arrangements for [redacted]



Conferred with Brig. Gen. G. L. Eberle, Acting Chief, Civil Affairs Division, Dept of the Army, with reference to meeting of Gen. McClure with a SANACC Subcommittee concerning NSC-4 (Coordination of Foreign Information Measures) and his recommendations. (Gen. Noce, Chief--out of city). (Memo attached--see Item I)

Conferred with [redacted] A-2, concerning our memo to Sec of Air Force pertaining to assignment of aircraft to CIA establishments overseas.

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