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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF. OPERATIONS COORDINATION BRANCH

SUBJECT

: Strategic Plans Branch Monthly Report for July 1952

A. CIA/one Participation in PSB Activities during July 1952:

1. Coordination Panel:

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CIA/ope prepared and submitted a report of its activities in connection with the operational support of and and to the PSB.

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2. Parel J on Project (East-West Trade):

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- a. Part of the intelligence requirements submitted by this panel to the PSB Staff have been filled.
- b. A special consultant to the panel was sent abroad for a four months trip to make a survey of factors involving East-West trade.

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 - 3. Panel F on Project (German Panel):

Panel F is submitting to the PSB for approval at the 7 August meeting a Psychological Strategy Plan for Germany, exclusive of the Berlin supplement. The Berlin supplement is being redrafted and will be submitted at a later date.

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4. Panel H (Middle East Panel):

Panal H completed its analysis of the various attitudes and objectives of Middle East peoples as a preliminary requirement for the development of a national psychological strategy for the Middle East.

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5. Panel:

The psychological plan is still under review by this panel.

6. Soviet Orbit Escapee Panel:

This panel is still awaiting a report which the Department of Defense is preparing on the military utilization of Soviet Orbit escapees.

7. Panel I (Southeast Asia):

This panel has completed its fourth draft of a Psychological Strategy Flan for Southeast Asia and is now reviewing the plan with a view towards clarifying the strategic concept for the area 28md strengthening the undertakings.

B. Strategic Planning Activities:

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- 1. Prepared a special report outlining in general terms the status of CIA's participation and its achievements in the national psychological programs with respect to the policies inherent in NSC 10/2 and 10/5.
- 2. Recommended the following policies after reviewing the third working draft of the PSB Plan on Germany:



- c. That the possibility of military attack by East Germans on West Germans be considered, if it is not being handled as an alternate contingency or is an inherent part of the Berlin paper, inasmuch as that area might be the focal point of action.
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- 3. It has been resolved that, because of General McClure's recent findings in Korea regarding the organizational structure for psychological warfare activities and the Director's desire not to over extend CIA's capabilities, that the request for logistical and personnel support to the Department of Defense for CIA/opc's contribution to PSB Plan the Cia/opc withheld and reviewed by CIA/opc for further revision. 25X1C
- 4. Analyzed the President's letter on the Organization of the Psychological Strategy Board and a Bureau of the Budget's report which stated that "the Board's role and responsibility for strategic planning may thus need to be reaffirmed."

Recommended that there be initiated strategic deception planning of such a nature and upon such scale that it may produce the psychological effect of throwing the enemy off balance and keep him guessing, thereby permitting us to assume and hold the cold war initiative.

- 5. Reviewed existing facilities for the coordination of U.S. propaganda activities in France. Indications are that no mechanism exists in Paris for the coordination of propaganda activities under NATO. There is an informal group known as the Information Liaison Group (ILG). The purpose of this group (whose membership includes a representative of State, MSA, EUCOM, HICOG, and a U.S. Deputy for NATO) is to coordinate the activities of the various overt information services in Western Europe.
- 6. Recommended, in connection with the revision of CIA's training programs, that in each of the advance psychological warfare subjects greater emphasis should be placed on the utilization of case histories and problems solving complex psychological warfare situations.
- 7. Submitted the Psychological Warfare Staff Division's FY 53 Budget in terms of missions and the allocation of logistical support for each mission.
- 8. Concurred, subject to security restrictions disclosing CIA's interests or activities in Italy, with PSB's proposed method and procedure of test case evaluations in Italy.

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