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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Coordinating Committee, Second Report to the Director of the Psychological Strategy Board

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In accordance with my obligation to provide the Psychological Strategy Board with continuous review of the development and progress of PSB approved plans, I am attaching for your information and notation the second report to me from the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee.

The Committee has now been in existence six months, during which time it has been breaking ground in an area of activity completely novel in our government's history of foreign relations. Accordingly, it has moved slowly. The committee members have cautiously felt their way forward while the Embassies have been exploring their responsibilities in this matter.

Our experience has shown that the reduction of communist strength and influence in must be regarded as the primary responsibility of those governments. The actions called for in these two plans are, therefore, to be carried out in the main by our respective Ambassadors with the Washington committee keeping a continuous watch on the situation and acting as a backstop.

Now that the initial organizational phase of coordinating the implementation of the plans is over the committee is, as indicated in the attached report, about to enter a new phase of operational planning in Washington. Since here again there is little precedent for these activities the committee expects to move cautiously and in a manner

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which will not interfere with the basic responsibilities of the two Ambassadors.

In reviewing progress since its first report, I feel that the Washington committee has proved its usefulness and should continue to provide the same high order of interdepartmental cooperation in this project which, the chairman of the committee informs me, has characterized its work to date.



RAYMOND B. ALLEN
Director

Attachment.

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