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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

References: a. SWNCC 304/6
b. SANACC 304/12
c. SANACC 304/13

Note by the Secretaries

1. The enclosure, a memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is circulated for the consideration of the Committee in connection with the above references.

2. Based upon the recommendations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the enclosure, the SANACC Secretariat suggests that the memorandum in the Appendix be approved by the Committee for transmittal to the National Security Council, provided there is no objections by the Committee to the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Enclosure.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
Washington 25, D.C.

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5 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE-ARMY-NAVY-AIR FORCE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE:

Subject: Psychological Warfare.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered SWNCC 304/6, forwarded to them by your memorandum SANA-5886 of 9 January 1948. It is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that from the military point of view:

a. The national security will be adversely affected if a working nucleus for the planning and coordination of psychological warfare is not brought into existence prior to war (or threat of war as determined by the President);

b. The effect of the recommendations in SWNCC 304/6, as approved by the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee, would be to postpone, to a dangerously late date, the establishment of a psychological warfare organization; and,

c. There should be established, as soon as practicable, under the National Security Council, a Psychological Warfare Organization, but with its peacetime scope and activities limited to that of a working nucleus for planning and coordination.

Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the pertinent Conclusions and Recommendations of SWNCC 304/6 be amended in the light of the above comments.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

W. G. LALOR,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Secretary.

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Enclosure

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SECRETA P P E N D I XD R A F T

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL:

Subject: Psychological Warfare.

Forwarded for the consideration of the National Security Council are the views (SANACC 304/14) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on SWNCC 304/6 which are concurred in by the SANACC:

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered SWNCC 304/6 and it is the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that from the military point of view:

a. The national security will be adversely affected if a working nucleus for the planning and coordination of psychological warfare is not brought into existence prior to war (or threat of war as determined by the President);

b. The effect of the recommendations in SWNCC 304/6, as approved by the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee, would be to postpone, to a dangerously late date, the establishment of a psychological warfare organization; and,

c. There should be established, as soon as practicable, under the National Security Council, a Psychological Warfare Organization, but with its peacetime scope and activities limited to that of a working nucleus for planning and coordination.

Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the pertinent Conclusions and Recommendations of SWNCC 304/6 be amended in the light of the above comments."

In this connection there is enclosed a copy of SWNCC 304/6 approved by SANACC prior to receipt of the JCS views referred to above. Also enclosed for the information of the Council is a copy of SANACC 304/12, approved by the Committee as a possible basis for further planning.

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MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF SANACC 304/14

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

Note by the Secretaries

Holders of SANACC 304/14 are requested to substitute the attached revised cover page for the one contained thereon and destroy the superseded page by burning.

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