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*CIA Comments
on my program.*

14 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, POC

SUBJECT: Recommended Work Program for 1952

1. In response to Mr. Barrett's request at the 7 January meeting of the POC, we wish to submit comments on a recommended work program for 1952, as was outlined in your paper POC D-34 of 3 January 1952.

Point 1. Preparation of a detailed definition of outstanding overt psychological operations problems facing the U. S. Government, arranged in order of priority and including recommended solution. (CIA Comment: We approve the study of such problems, believing it would be of benefit to the over-all U. S. psychological effort. In this connection, we believe that the greatest problem facing us is: To see that our economic, political, and psychological assets are marshalled under a controlled plan, thus achieving a concerted and forceful attack on all fronts.

Point 2. The development of a mechanism for close coordination of POC's work with that of similar agency groups now being created in Western Europe. The proposal states that this should include a procedure for exchanging information and reports by the POC with related field establishments, and when perfected, this mechanism could be the channel for sending field recommendations to both the POC and PSB. (CIA Comment: It is our understanding that you have in mind POC contact with such groups as the information Liaison Group in Paris, the new PW unit in SHAPE, and local PW committees, for example, Vienna. Since the 7 January POC meeting, you also emphasized that this proposed mechanism would principally be a

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channel through which these field groups could voluntarily advise the POC of operations in the overt PW field. However, CIA recommends that the POC and the PSB continue for the present, at least, to rely on regularly-established agency channels for receiving reports on field activity)

- Point 3. Continuation of the present program of on-the-job training for military PW officers at State Department and further the development of plans for State Department personnel to visit military PW installations in and out of Washington. (CIA makes no comment since this is a State-Defense matter.)
- Point 4. Development of close liaison between the POC and military PW Schools. (CIA Comment: We agree with your recommendation, especially endorsing the proposal that students at the PW schools submit sample projects, the best of which could be considered in the POC.)
- Point 5. That the POC provide within its secretariat a panel of officers qualified to hear laymen who have suggestions to make with regard to the U. S. psychological program. (CIA Comment: We strongly endorse the plan to encourage suggestions from the public. Furthermore, it is important that there be a group in Washington which will give an attentive ear to such ideas. However, we believe that because the PSB is much more generally known as the center of the U. S. psychological effort, it would be preferable in most cases to designate the PSB as the point of contact. POC should not advertise itself, but instead receive only persons referred to it by PSB.)
- Point 6. Preparation by the Military Themes Working Group of interdepartmental psychological operations plans directed at the solution of specific problems. (CIA Comment: We believe the working group should confine itself to its charter responsibility--developing PW themes for use against the Soviet and Satellite military.)
- Point 7. Identity of the U. S. with peaceful uses of atomic energy. (CIA Comment: With a view toward development of overt projects designed to identify the

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U. S. with peaceful uses of atomic energy, we approve the recommendation that representatives of State and AEC discuss the project. In addition, we suggest that the PSB be advised of the results of the discussions.)

- Point 8. PW Operations against Soviet Submarine Crews. (CIA Comment: We recommend further study of this project since we consider it well worth while to explore means to propagandize these elements of the Soviet military. It is also recommended that Soviet and Satellite merchant marine crews be included as targets.)

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