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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Bureau of the Budget Report and Draft of Proposed Presidential Directive concerning the Psychological Strategy Board

This memorandum will confirm the fact that the Director has assumed all further action responsibility with regard to the above-mentioned report and draft Directive. When I showed him this morning our draft of a proposed reply to Mr. Staats' letter to himself and the Secretaries of State and Defense, and reported to him the latest position of the State Department, the Director informed me that he had worked out an approach to this matter in discussions with Mr. Staats and Admiral Souers, as a result of which he did not think it was necessary for him to reply to Mr. Staats' letter. The Director indicated that, in his conversations with Mr. Staats and Admiral Souers, he had taken the lines which are reflected in our draft letter -- emphasizing in particular the failure in the proposed Directive to distinguish between the PSB as such and the PSB staff.

(Signed) FRANK G. WISNER

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