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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
Washington 25, D. C.

PRELIMINARY ACTION REPORT OF ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD, MARCH 27, 1952

Principals Present:

Mr. William C. Foster, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Acting Chairman

Mr. Allen Dulles, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Mr. Howland Sargeant, Ass't. Secretary of State for Public Affairs

Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Director, Psychological Strategy Board

Action:

Agenda Item No. 1 - Staff Study on Psychological Strategy Board Planning for the Middle East

Approved. A task panel shall be created whose first act shall be drafting its terms of reference for submission to the Board at its next meeting. The Board requested short-range actions also be considered in the planning.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Staff Study on Psychological Strategy Board Planning Tasks with Regard to South East Asia

Approved. A task panel shall be created whose first act shall be the drafting of its terms of reference for submission to the Board at its next meeting. The Board considers this plan a matter of high priority.

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Agenda Item No. 3 - Progress Reports on Current Work

1. Soviet Orbit Escapee Program Legislation

The Board took the following action on the DPC draft bill "Special Migration Act of 1952" on which the Budget Bureau had asked PSB to comment by Friday, March 28:

The Board agreed to send a letter of comment to the Budget Bureau opposing the inclusion of Title II in the Act. The majority of the Board and the Director agreed that the letter to the Budget Bureau recommend that the Kersten Amendment be changed to avoid any ambiguity as to its defensive military purposes; however, if in the judgment of the Congressional leaders, this change might lead to legislative difficulties, the Amendment may remain unchanged.

The Defense and CIA members and the Director agreed that the letter to the Bureau should state that, in any event, adequate legislation apart from the Kersten Amendment covering the non-military aspects of the program is desirable so that there is no question as to the intent of Congress that these programs are authorized. Language for this purpose was approved.

The Department of State representative wished to have the letter indicate his view that the Kersten Amendment should remain unchanged and that additional language is not desirable.

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