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 References: A. NSC Action No. 184
 B. NSC 10/2
 C. NSC 4

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 184 c, the enclosed draft directive on the subject prepared by the NSC Staff with the advice and assistance of representatives of the Departments of State, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, and of the National Security Resources Board and the Central Intelligence Agency, is submitted herewith for consideration by the National Security Council.

It is recommended that the Council approve the enclosed draft directive and refer it to the Secretary of State for implementation in collaboration with other appropriate executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government.

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DIRECTIVE ON PLANNING FOR WARTIME CONDUCT
OF OVERT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

1. There shall be promptly established within the Department of State a small organization to plan and make preparations for the coordinated conduct of foreign and domestic information programs and overt psychological operations abroad in the event of war or threat of war as determined by the President. Such plans and preparations shall be consistent with U. S. policies and be coordinated with related planning under the NSC 10 Series, and with approved plans for military operations.

2. This organization shall consist of:

a. A director appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with other departments and agencies represented on the National Security Council.

b. Policy consultants representing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the NSRB upon request of its chairman.

c. A staff composed of qualified full-time personnel designated by the Department of State and the National Military Establishment. The staff shall also include liaison representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Resources Board. Upon request of the Chairman of NSRB to the Director, the liaison representative of that organization shall become a full-time member of the Staff. The Director shall be authorized to call upon all

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departments and agencies of the government for such intelligence and planning assistance as may be necessary.

3. The work of this organization shall be reviewed by the National Security Council whenever any of the participating departments or agencies considers such action appropriate.

4. This organization shall as a matter of priority make plans and preparations for an interim arrangement for conducting and coordinating foreign and domestic information programs and overt psychological operations abroad in the initial stages of war or emergency, utilizing wherever practicable existing facilities of the Department of State and of the National Military Establishment.

5. The State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee Sub-Committee for Special Studies and Evaluation shall be discontinued.

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