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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Mallory Browne

SUBJECT: PSB Progress Report to the NSC--D-21 and D-21/2

Psychological strategy plans for both Germany and Berlin (PSB D-21/2) were operational during this period, the latter having been approved by the Board February 3, 1953. PSB D-21 was approved in the last reporting period of 1952.

State and Defense Department support plans have been developed, submitted to PSB, and approved of by other agencies. They have been sent to the field for guidance and, in the case of the former at least, have been implemented.

Detailed reports have been received from Bonn, outlining the actions which have been taken in conformity with the recommendations made in D-21. The principal agent in Bonn is a HICOG Co-ordinating Committee, chaired by the HICOG Public Affairs Officer, which brings together the psychological operations of State Department, MSA, and Defense Department. CIA participates in this Committee to a more limited degree, because of the nature of its work, and its reports are filed separately to the CIA in Washington. To date no information has been made available to PSB which would indicate the extent to which the Agency has implemented PSB D-21 or its Berlin counterpart.

Under PSB Staff consideration at present is a possible revision of D-21 in order to deal with changing public attitudes in Germany, resulting partly from current Soviet moves in East Germany, which may indicate a trend away from European integration, and towards unification, especially should the Social Democratic Party gain electoral strength in the forthcoming elections.

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