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MEMORANDUM

TO: Active Measures Working Group
FROM: INR/ID - Kathleen C. Bailey
SUBJECT: Minutes of Working Group Meeting
of June 19, 1986

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Bailey. Attending were: Mr. Romerstein (USIA), Mr. Copp (USIA), [redacted] Mr. Sheren (INR/ID), Mr. Knecht (PA/OAP), Ms. Friedt (INR/SEE), Mr. Rapoport (INR/IC), Mr. Harbin (EAP/RA), [redacted] COL Paddock (OSD/PSYOP), Mr. Wessell (USIA/P/R), [redacted] Mr. Major (NSC), Mr. Fischer (ACDA), and Ms. Johnson (NEA/RA).

I. Publications

Mr. Rapoport reported that Ms. Friedt has completed a draft of the first of the Foreign Affairs Note (FAN) on the October Copenhagen World Peace Congress. [redacted]

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[redacted] He added that the [redacted] will be published only in an unclassified form and that parts of the new data base on the Soviet presence in the US will also be made available in unclassified form. Mr. Kopp has finished USIA's latest unclassified active measures report to the field (no. 6), which includes much information on the World Peace Council organizational shakeup. Colonel Paddock reported that OSD/PSYOP has been working on some unclassified publications, mainly on Central American issues, in cooperation with State's Office of Latin American Public Diplomacy (S/LPD). The recently-issued report is entitled Challenge to Democracy in Central America.

II. Gingrich Amendment

Dr. Bailey stated that we will meet the June 30 deadline for submitting the Gingrich report to to State's Bureau of Congressional Relations (H) for transfer to the NSC. She

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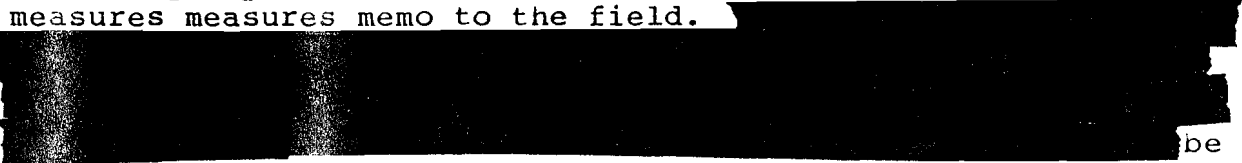
called on members to finish their portions as soon as possible and regretted the necessity of sending component papers around for clearance piecemeal rather than as a unified package. Mr. Knecht suggested that we include somewhere a section about what the USG is doing to combat Soviet propaganda. The report contains a lengthy section on the Soviet propaganda apparatus and we should respond to it both in the sense of logic and as a means of educating a Congressional audience.

III. Embassy Active Measures Committees

The cable from Under Secretary Armacost to chiefs of mission calling for the establishment of active measures committees at selected posts went out last week. Initial reactions have been favorable.

IV. Uses for the Active Measures Memo

The group discussed sending some form of the active measures memo to the field.

 be cleared with issuing agencies before use in the proposed memo. The group considered how the memo should be disseminated and whether it should be sent to the field in one worldwide version or in region-specific form. The general consensus was in favor of one cable prepared for a worldwide audience.

V. Academic Research on Active Measures

Mr. Sheren reported that INR has made available \$3,000 that could be divided into three grants of \$1000 each to be awarded as prizes for the three best undergraduate research papers on an active measures-related topic at several selected schools. There was some discussion as to whether the grants would be limited to undergraduates and whether it could be arranged to have students prepare precis from which the group could choose the three projects most appropriate for funding.

Colonel Paddock commented that it might be possible to place active measures on the list of possible topics for papers by officers studying at the national war colleges. This might provide some excellent work in the area. He will investigate this possibility, as well as the possibility of once again obtaining DOD funding for an academic conference on active measures to take place either in the US or Europe. He will report on both topics at the next meeting.

Mr. Harbin suggested that we might wish to consider including a Canadian institution in a proposed prize program and as a possible conference site. The Canadian Defense College might be a likely possibility.

VI.



The next meeting of the active measures working group will be held on Thursday, July 3 at 10:00 A.M. in the INR Conference Room, 6530 NS. Members with agenda items should contact Sheldon Rapoport (647-5899).

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