



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP, PUBLIC DIPLOMACY
SUBJECT: NSDD 130 Tasking

In your 4 April 1984 memorandum supplementing Presidential tasking in National Security Decision Directive 130, you requested from the Department of Defense recommendations for a national structure and policy guidelines for the conduct of psychological operations. On 20 July 1984, pursuant to your tasking, I recommended, in considerable specificity, the establishment of a National Psychological Operations Committee and the approval of national guidelines for the conduct of military psychological operations. Subsequently, in order to meet the intent of NSDD 130, this department issued a directive that requires the armed forces to conduct overt, strategic psychological operations in peacetime and I ordered the development of a departmental master plan that will serve as a blueprint for the revitalization of our military psychological operations.

Actions within the Defense Department to satisfy the requirements laid down in NSDD 130 are well in train. It is now necessary that the remaining provisions of NSDD 130 with respect to psychological operations be implemented fully. A national organizational framework and national policy guidelines, as provided for in NSDD 130, within which military psychological operations can be conducted most effectively in support of U.S. objectives, are required. Therefore, I urge the speedy approval of my recommendations of last July. This approval can provide the impetus to the rebuilding of a necessary strategic capability, focus attention on psychological operations as a national -- not solely military -- instrument, and ensure that psychological operations are fully coordinated with public diplomacy and other international information activities.

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