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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Second Meeting of the Doctrinal Coordination Panel

1. Mr. MacKnight of State; Mr. Horwitz of FOA; Mr. Zander for Dr. Pessony of Defense and I met from 2:15 to 3:35. CIA was not represented due to my agreement with Mr. Thomas Braden regarding the absence of Cord Meyer.

2. Mr. MacKnight insisted on the initial contribution that he felt that a USIA representative should now sit on the panel and that he would be happy to make such a recommendation to the Board (Ralph Block will be the USIA man, and arrangements are already under way with USIA for his appointment). It was then agreed that the panel would meet on September 18 and on each second Friday thereafter. At the next meeting Mr. Horwitz will discuss the potentialities of FOA's implementation in the doctrinal field although he feels that their contribution will be slight, even though they are responsible for the escapee program and the TGA program. At the next meeting, Mr. MacKnight will try to bring a representative of the exchange of persons program to discuss its relevancy with the panel.

3. In response to the question, each representative stated that the Doctrinal Program had not been sent to any of the field missions. Mr. MacKnight indicated that such notification, despite its specific mention in the basic paper, probably would not take place for quite a while, at least until the department's implementation plan had gotten started. To the suggestion that USIA might send out a sanitized version, there was agreement by State and FOA that only a joint State-USIA-FOA paper on the Doctrinal Program should be sent out. Great emphasis was given to the possibility of confusing and misdirecting the missions by separate agencies' sending conflicting papers.

4. The cheap book program and its doctrinal relevancy. Mention was made of the fact that high levels were interested in rapid utilization of the cheap book program in order to persuade the panel that it should rapidly develop at least two lists of books: anti-Communist and pro-Western, on which various area specialists might give their views, so that we would have titles to suggest if and when the cheap book program is adopted. There

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was unanimous agreement that ICS of USIA should do the job, but it was subsequently agreed that OIR would contribute.

5. International Meetings. Giving a generalized background on the proposed Second Congress of Latin American Universities at Santiago, Chile, I suggested that the panel attempt to develop positive interest in such activities as a means of furthering the Doctrinal Program. Mr. MacKnight indicated that steps were being undertaken and that he would report further at the next meeting. Mr. Horwitz reported on the rather limited FOA (IIAA) educational efforts in Latin America which were primarily on the lower levels and not on university levels. He also suggested the difficulty of any Latin American association of universities acting like the Association of American Universities since so many Latin American universities were government controlled and hence followed the government line. He stated that Argentine universities extensively used educational materials which were Communist since the Peronists were playing "footsie" with the Comies. Mr. MacKnight mentioned the Hamburg Science Congress of July and the desirability of the panel taking a formal position on Congress material so that IPS of USIA would be willing to distribute it, particularly to contract for its preparation. Horwitz suggested greater use of the innumerable Pan American and inter-American Congresses on medical, professional and educational subjects as outlets for doctrinal materials. Mr. MacKnight suggested that UNESCO be explored for the same purpose.

6. As the meeting closed in a rush, I distributed a copy of the guidance prepared for the doctrinal aspects of the Lodge Project and suggested the panel's need to be prepared to supply such doctrinal materials if Mr. Lodge was interested. I did not discover whether any initial steps in the departments are being taken to start planning for the implementation of the Doctrinal Program.

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