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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Mallory Browne

SUBJECT: Coordination Meeting - Germany, May 12, 1953

1. Here are the minutes of our coordination meeting on Germany this week; I am sending a copy to each of the participants. Charlie Norberg attended, as you see, and can provide any incidental intelligence you might want in addition to this report.

2. You will note that there have been two deadlines imposed by agreement at the meeting. The first is for comments on the State and Defense implementation plans prior to 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 15. If I do not hear from anyone prior to that time I will inform Defense, particularly, that the military guidance is cleared for action. The second deadline was a self-imposed one concerning an NSA progress report. Apparently someone had put the word to Mr. Lippincott and he promised to have something for us within a week or ten days. We shall see.

3. As I mentioned to you briefly Tuesday afternoon, I put CIA on the record with a negative report on the basis that Mr. Bolton prohibited from discussion of the Agency activities in an open meeting-- or anywhere else. He has asked me again to try to get this matter straightened out since the so-called Consultants Group is apparently almost non-existent and thus useless for our purposes. I would suggest in this connection if you and George Morgan approve, that one of us make overtures to Tracy Barnes (with the consent of Bolton for the sake of courtesy) to see what can be done.

4. Two ideas of interest came to light--I think more by accident than by design--during our meeting. The first is that C.D. Jackson had a long conversation with Staatsektar Lens of the Federal Republic last week concerning the psychological exploitation possibilities inherent in the religious persecution in East Germany and the food crisis there as well. As Ed. Taylor says, there is no "psychological radar" which would permit us to know what Mr. Jackson is doing at any given moment. However, perhaps your influences with C.D. or my friendship with him would provide a means of establishing some kind of Memo-For-Record connection between us when items in which we are obviously concerned are the subject of Mr. Jackson's own peregrinations. The second item is that a special project is in draft form at State designed to "beef-up" RIAS in Berlin to make it an even more hard hitting psychological weapon. Apparently there is a good deal of thought going on both policy-wise and otherwise in the Department with respect to this project, and it is presumed to be in the channel to Gen. Smith for PSB action--or will be shortly. I have asked, and Dick Straus, of Kellerman's office, has agreed that we be the channel

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for communicating this to the Board. This is allegedly Straus's intention, but I have made special arrangements to "copper plate" this channel just in case. I have a feeling that unless we make loud noises about putting this kind of thing through the coordinating mechanisms our panel will find itself discussing the project long after it is considered by the Board.

5. Two further ideas of interest: (a) There was a feeling at the meeting that the food crisis in East Germany could be exploited worldwide as an indication of the failures of the Soviet economic program in agricultural areas. John MacDonald feels that this would particularly be applicable in China, and I certainly would urge that if such attention is not being paid to that crisis by the immediate people around town that it be carefully considered as a worldwide theme of the moment. (b) FYI, Montenegro, of German Political Affairs, is preparing a progress report on Berlin for the NSC as a follow up to NSC 132/1. I have asked him informally to let us see this, but he may be under prohibition about it; perhaps we can learn more through higher level efforts.

6. Concerning the specific suggestion of JCS for a "centralized coordinating mechanism" in Germany, I have proposed a draft of a letter to be sent from George Morgan to the members of the Board which would specify the High Commissioner's responsibilities for field coordination, through a committee if necessary. This idea is more or less acceptable to all the agencies; I am having it cleared officially at this moment. In the meantime you might look at the attached draft from the PSB point of view, so that we can make changes in time to have the text ready for George when I get the final clearances on the specific notation.

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John M. Anspacher

2 Enclosures:

1. German Coordination Panel Meeting
Minutes, 12 May 1953, Copy No. 3
2. Draft ltr. to PSB Members from Mr.
Morgan.

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