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S - Mr. Secretary
V - Mr. Lovett

Attached is an NSC paper, Director of Special Studies, dated May 10, 1948. This is an important matter, and I would be glad to explain it personally to you, if you wish.

This paper has been cleared by the consultants to the National Security Council and is now ready for consideration by the members. It has not been cleared with other offices of the Department because it intimately involves NSC 4-4, a document knowledge of which for security reasons has been limited to you, Assistant Secretary Allen, and the Policy Planning Staff. This paper, however, is based largely on and adheres to the fundamental principles of one prepared by this Staff, entitled "Political Warfare". Our paper on political warfare was made available to Mr. Bohlen, Mr. Allen, and the four geographical offices. They either gave affirmative approval or indicated no objection. I therefore feel that the attached NSC paper would be generally acceptable to them.

There is a certain urgency regarding the attached paper. If you concur in the attached conclusions, the following subsequent steps will have to be taken:

- (1) NSC approval,
- (2) Presidential approval,
- (3) Presentation of financial needs to the Bureau of the Budget,
- (4) Request of appropriation from the Congress.

The deadline we are working against is consequently the imminent adjournment of Congress.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

- (a) You approve the attached NSC paper;

Approved:

Mr. Lovett

The Secretary

- (b) Request a meeting of NSC members to consider this paper this week.

Approved:

Mr. Lovett

The Secretary

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