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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS; obtainment of OCB approval
of and support for CIA application to the
Bureau of the Budget for funds.

1. This memorandum is submitted pursuant to your request of yesterday for a very brief paper suitable for use by you at the 17 September meeting of the OCB (PSB).

2. It will be recalled that at the 12 August meeting of the PSB, General Cabell having attended for CIA, a decision was taken to go forward with the PBFORTUNE (revised and redesignated PBSUCCESS) program, and to accord to it an extremely high operational priority. It is my understanding that this was the meeting which flashed the "green light" to us and -- pursuant to your suggestion -- I have already taken up with George Morgan the matter of having a suitably sterilized entry made in the records of that particular meeting.

3. On the basis of General Cabell's oral report to me, the PSB decision embraced the following principal elements:

a. CIA is to have the principal responsibility and is to call upon other departments and agencies for such supporting actions as CIA may deem necessary or desirable to the success of the plan.

b. The operation is to be directed and controlled
by CIA



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c. It was recognized that this is an extremely diffi-
cult operation and that it will require a considerable
period of build-up during the course of which the atmosphere
must be thoroughly prepared and numerous actions must be
taken in order to shake, and hopefully dislodge, the very
firm grip which the regime now holds upon the situation.

d. This is to be an unusually closely-held operation
within State and the other departments concerned. For your
personal information, General Smith has directed us to
have no direct dealings with the State Department area
division; but rather to deal either directly with him or
with two specific individuals whom he has named.7

4. On the basis of our preliminary estimates of the cost of this
operation we have concluded that we will require approximately
\$2,735,000.00. General Cabell, with whom I have discussed this aspect
of the matter, has suggested that we allow ourselves a little leeway
and put in for the round sum of three million. It is submitted that
this operation and our requirement for funds in support thereof,
comply with all of the "terms, covenants and conditions" applicable
to requests by the Agency to the Bureau of the Budget for an alloca-
tion of funds from our reserve. It is in all important respects a
new operation, having been authorized by PSB since the commencement
of the new fiscal year; it is an unusually important operation --
having been accorded the highest operational priority in the decision
of the PSB; and finally, we do not have the funds available for this
operation in our current budget.

5. It is recommended that you obtain the authorization and sup-
port of the other members of the PSB for a CIA request to the Bureau
of the Budget. This is a very good case in which to establish the
precedent (to which I understand you attach considerable importance)
that it should be CIA which levies the request upon the Bureau of the
Budget and not another department or agency.

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cc: DDCI ✓
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SIGNED

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