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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

December 3, 1953


MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD:

SUBJECT: Coordination of NSC 167/2 and Related Matters
Concerning Korea

1. The Operations Coordinating Board has approved the Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Coordination of NSC 167/2 and Related Matters Concerning Korea by vote slip action on November 16, 1953.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 9 of the Terms of Reference wherein NSC 170/1, "U.S. Objectives and Courses of Action in Korea," when approved by the President, was to provide the basic policy guidance for the working group.

3. NSC 170/1 was approved by the President and transmitted to OCB for **coordination** on November 20, 1953, and therefore it becomes the basic policy guidance for the working group.


Elmer B. Staats
Executive Officer

Enclosure:

Terms of Reference for Working Group
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NSC review(s) completed.

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Reference:
NSC 167/2
NSC 170/1

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP ON
COORDINATION OF NSC 167/2 AND RELATED
MATTERS CONCERNING KOREA

PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THIS SUBJECT'S
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL
SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The President, on November 6, 1953, approved the statement of policy; in NSC 167/2, as adopted by the NSC, and directed its implementation by all appropriate executive departments and agencies of the U.S. Government under the coordination of the OCB. This statement of policy was accordingly referred to the OCB by memorandum of transmittal dated November 6, 1953.
2. Representatives of the following agencies shall constitute a working group in order to facilitate inter-agency coordination of policies, programs and operations in fulfillment of NSC 167/2. The working group shall be chaired by a representative of the Department of State, with an Executive Secretary from the OCB staff:
 - a. Department of State
 - b. Department of Defense
 - c. Foreign Operations Administration
 - d. United States Information Agency
 - e. Central Intelligence Agency
 - f. Other agencies as determined by the OCB Executive Officer
3. It shall be the function of the members of this working group to keep informed and to inform each other of operations and forward planning as they are developed within their departments in support of NSC 167/2, and to undertake to insure the proper coordination of these plans and operations and their accordance with NSC 167/2. Such inter-agency coordination and reporting as may require unusual or non-routine

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development shall be conducted through the members of the working group or through such special mechanisms as may be established by OCB. Appendix "A" consists of certain specific tasks to which the group is enjoined to give immediate attention.

4. In the implementation of this policy, the working group shall constantly keep in mind that particular climate of opinion the U.S. is seeking to achieve.

5. In addition, the working group shall, on the basis of its cognizance of current planning, operations, and new policy developments, initiate action or submit recommendations concerning amendments or modifications which may be occasioned by new proposals which appear to be desirable within this policy. The working group shall report to the OCB serious gaps or omissions, as well as inconsistencies and ambiguities in implementation planning and operations.

6. Responsibility for the conduct of operations which arise from the implementation of this policy statement remains with the departments and agencies concerned.

7. The working group shall undertake to satisfy appropriate requests for such supplementary information or reports as may not be transmitted through routine channels.

8. Due to the urgency of this matter, the working group will obtain necessary data concerning the implementation of the policy and shall submit a consolidated report thereon to the OCB as of January 30, 1954. These reports are in addition to those made in normal OCB status and semi-annual reports.

9. On October 21, 1953, the OCB recommended that former PSB documents D-7c and J-19d be coordinated under the OCB until they were substantially effected by pertinent NSC action. In a report to the NSC on November 9, the NSC Planning Board transmitted NSC 170 on "U. S. Objectives and Courses of Action in Korea." In that report, it is recommended that the OCB be designated as the coordinating agency. If approved by the President after NSC consideration, this document, which includes the substance of NSC 167/2, will provide the basic policy guidance for the working group. It should also be used as an authority for the working group's considerations of the above-referred PSB D-7c and J-19d, with a view to making recommendation as to their disposal.

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1. The operations listed below are considered of such importance as to be brought to the attention of the departments and agencies concerned:

- a. notification of President Rhee
- b. notification of the ROK leaders
- c. obtaining a formal Rhee promise to abstain from unilateral action
- d. UNC plans and dispositions
- e. specific measures as enumerated in paragraph 4.

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