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STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

Since its activation, September 26, 1947, the National Security Council has taken 45 actions (see NSC Record of Actions) on matters presented to it for consideration, included among which were the following studies adopted by the Council and presented to the President:

- Memo, Oct. 30, 1947, Extension of Operational Advice to the Greek Armed Forces
- NSC 1/1, Nov. 14, 1947, The Position of the US With Respect to Italy
- Memo, Nov. 19, 1947, Documents Resulting from Conversations with the British in Regard to the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East
- NSC 2/1, Nov. 25, 1947, Base Rights in Greenland, Iceland, and the Azores
- NSC 3, Dec. 5, 1947, US Policy Toward Spain
- NSC 4, Dec. 9, 1947, Coordination of Foreign Information Measures
- Memo, Dec. 17, 1947, Control of Exports to the USSR and Eastern Europe
- Memo, Feb. 9, 1948, Provision of US Equipment to Italian Armed Forces
- NSC 1/2, Feb. 10, 1948, The Position of the US With Respect to Italy
- NSC 5/2, Feb. 12, 1948, The Position of the US With Respect to Greece
- NSC 1/3, March 8, 1948, The Position of the US With Respect to Italy in the Light of the Possibility of Communist Participation in the Government by Legal Means
- NSC 8, Apr. 2, 1948, The Position of the US With Respect to Korea

The other actions by the Council included such matters as policies and procedures for the NSC and its Staff, directives to the Central Intelligence Agency, review of situation reports presented by the Director of Central Intelligence, and the initiation of two surveys to be conducted by specially employed Consultants.

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM
(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORT FOR WESTERN UNION AND OTHER RELATED FREE COUNTRIES
(NSC 9/2)

On March 24, 1948, the Secretary of State referred a Policy Planning Staff working draft to the NSC for Staff study, and on April 9 a revision of the same report. The NSC Staff reviewed and made minor amendments to the latter, and it was submitted to the NSC as NSC 9 on April 13. At its 10th Meeting, April 22, the NSC deferred action pending partial revision by the Department of State. The report as revised by the Department of State was submitted to the NSC as NSC 9/1 on April 23. A substitute report presented for Council consideration by the Under Secretary of State was issued as NSC 9/2 on May 11. Scheduled as item 1 on Council agenda for 11th Meeting, May 20.

PROTECTION OF INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS FROM UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE
(Memo, April 23, 1948)

At its 10th Meeting, April 22, 1948, the NSC directed its Executive Secretary to prepare a directive on this subject. A draft directive was submitted to the NSC by memorandum of April 23. Approved by State, Defense, Navy, Air, NSRB. Awaiting reconsideration at next Council meeting in the light of the fact that the Department of Justice questions the legality of the proposed NSC directive. Scheduled as item 3 on Council agenda for 11th Meeting, May 20.

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES
(Memo, April 26, 1948)

At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC directed the NSC Consultants to review the implementation by the Director of Central Intelligence of certain aspects of the NSC 4 series. The NSC Consultants, with the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs participating, reviewed the progress to date. Their report and recommendations were presented to the NSC by memorandum of April 26. Awaiting replies to informal action memo to NSC, dated May 10.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd.)

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
PERSONALITIES

(Memo, May 7, 1948)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 8, recommended by the Director of Central Intelligence and unanimously concurred in by members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, submitted to the NSC by memorandum of May 7, 1948. Awaiting replies to informal action memo to NSC, dated May 10.

SCHEDULING OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Memo, May 7, 1948)

Recommendations of the Executive Secretary presented for Council consideration. Scheduled as item 4 on Council agenda for 11th Meeting, May 20.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL STUDIES

(NSC 10)

SANACC report (SANACC 304/6), JCS comments thereon (SANACC 304/14) and SANACC 304/12 referred to NSC on April 12, 1948. Staff directed by Executive Secretary to review reports and prepare recommendations for NSC. Staff report submitted to NSC as NSC 10 on May 12, 1948. Comments by CIA Survey Group circulated to Council, May 14. Scheduled as item 2 on Council agenda for the 11th Meeting, May 20.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Feb. 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. Awaiting State action.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff Feb. 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. Awaiting State action.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS OF THE NON-SOVIET WORLD

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Mar 3, 1948. First draft issued March 17. After various revisions, draft presented to the Consultants April 29. Concurred in by Navy, May 6; by Air, May 12; by Army, May 17. Awaiting action by State.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY POWER IN GREECE

Supplement to NSC 5/2 (see par. 12). Information requested from JCS, State, CIA and NSRB on Feb. 19, 1948. Draft report, based on replies, issued by NSC Staff on April 28. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants on May 6. Concurred in by Air Force, May 14. Awaiting action by State, Army, Navy.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

The Secretary of Defense recommended NSC consideration of this subject, Mar. 18, 1948. First draft report prepared by NSC Staff, April 21. Staff currently redrafting report for submission to Consultants.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

INTERNAL SECURITY

At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC authorized its Executive Secretary, with assistance of qualified representatives from the departments represented on the Council and other interested agencies including the FBI, to prepare a study and recommendations on this subject for Council consideration. Special Consultant for this project appointed April 14, 1948. Conferences have been held with representatives of State, Army, Navy, Air, FBI, CIA, Treasury, Immigration, and AEC, and those Departments and Agencies requested to present written data on their responsibilities and activities in internal security. Initial report being prepared on basis of their replies. Other interested agencies being contacted.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on Dec. 2, 1947. First draft issued Mar. 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration until after NSC action on NSC 9 Series.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff Dec. 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued Feb. 25, 1948. Redraft being prepared by one Staff member, but further consideration by the entire Staff has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On Dec. 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued Mar. 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed in deference to priority of individual countries in this area and other priority subjects.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on Jan. 15, 1948. Jan. 20 the Department of State was requested to prepare a study for NSC consideration. A study on short-term assistance to China was submitted by the Department of State and a report drafted by the Staff on March 8. It was amended by the Consultants and the revision submitted to the NSC as NSC 6 on March 26. At its 9th Meeting, April 2, 1948, the NSC agreed no action on this report was necessary since it had been overtaken by events. The Department of State is continuing preparation of a report on the overall position with respect to China as originally requested. Further action deferred pending receipt of this report from State.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE ITALIAN COLONIES

Supplement to NSC 1/1. Basic information being prepared by the Department of State. Further action deferred pending receipt of this information from State.

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