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# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(May 17, 1948 - May 31, 1948)

Memo, April 23, 1948, Protection of Intelligence Sources and  
Methods from Unauthorized Disclosure. (See NSC Action No. 48)

Memo, May 7, 1948, Scheduling of NSC Meetings. (See NSC Action  
No. 49)

Memo, April 26, 1948, Coordination of Foreign Information Measures.  
(See NSC Action No. 54 and Deferred Projects)



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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. Scheduled for discussion as item 4 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

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. At its 11th Meeting on May 20, NSC approved in principle the general line of action subsequent to the proposed Senate Resolution as outlined in NSC 9/2, subject to the understanding that it will be reviewed after receipt of the report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and in the light of the comments by the JSC. Scheduled for discussion as item 4 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL STUDIES  
(NSC 10)

Staff report presented to NSC as NSC 10 on May 12, 1948. Comments by CIA Survey Group, dated May 14, circulated. At its 11th Meeting on May 20, the Council deferred action on this report until the next meeting of the Council. Comments by Director of Central Intelligence, dated May 24, circulated. Scheduled as item 1 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd.)

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF US MILITARY  
POWER IN GREECE  
(NSC 5/2)

Staff report presented to NSC as NSC 5/3 on May 25, 1948.  
Scheduled as item 3 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

SANACC 398/4

On May 27, 1948, SANACC 398/4 was submitted to the Council with a memo from the Executive Secretary of NSC advising that SANACC had recommended that the conclusions contained in 398/4 be approved by the NSC. Scheduled as item 2 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE

At its 11th Meeting on May 20, the Council discussed this subject and deferred action. Scheduled for discussion as item 4 on Council agenda for 12th Meeting, June 3, 1948.

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. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

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. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

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. State action being deferred, pending further study of current situation and a related paper under consideration by SANACC.

THE POSITION OF THE US WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on April 21, revised on May 14, sent to Consultants on May 18. Concurred in by Navy, May 21. Awaiting action by State, Army, Air.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

ACTION BY US FORCES AT TSINGTAO IN DEFENSE OF US LIVES AND PROPERTY  
(NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council distributed as NSC 11, May 24. NSC Staff is preparing a report for consideration by the Council.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA  
(NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff is preparing a report on North West Africa for consideration by the Council. First draft, issued May 24, currently being revised.

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, Commerce, and AEC, and those Departments and Agencies requested to present written data on their responsibilities and activities in internal security. Replies being analyzed and initial report in preparation.

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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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DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH IN REGARD TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

(Memo for NSC members from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 19, 1947.)

At its 11th Meeting on May 20, 1948, the Council discussed the above policy and agreed to request certain advice from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (See NSC Action No. 50.) Awaiting reply by JCS.

COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES

(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 26, 1948.)

By memorandum approval as of May 25, 1948, the Council directed the NSC Consultants to undertake a similar review and report in approximately two months.

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