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STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(September 14, 1948 - October 4, 1948)

NSC 30 UNITED STATES POLICY ON ATOMIC WARFARE
(See NSC Action No. 111)

NSC 31 EQUIPMENT FOR THREE FRENCH DIVISIONS
(See NSC Action No. 112)

INTERNAL SECURITY (Memo for NSC Members dated August 26, 1948)
(See NSC Action No. 110)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1950
(See NSC Action No. 114)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSCTHE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN

The NSC has considered and taken various actions on the Berlin situation over the past several months (see NSC Actions Nos. 118, 113, 109, 92, 84 and 77). It has noted the views of the JCS on U. S. military courses of action with respect to the situation in Berlin (NSC Action No. 87 on NSC 24). This subject is under continuing consideration by the Council. At its 21st Meeting, September 16, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the event that the current negotiations are unsuccessful. At its 22nd Meeting, September 30, the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare for consideration at its next meeting, a report on U. S. courses of action in the event of partial or complete interruption by the Soviets of the airlift to Berlin. Council awaiting latter report from the Staff, scheduled as Item 2 on the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, October 7, 1948. (See Section 4 for current status.)

U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN
(NSC 13/1)

Study of this subject submitted by the Department of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 13, June 2, 1948. On the basis of this study and a report by the Army on "Limited Military Armament for Japan" the Staff prepared a report for consideration by the Council (NSC 13/1). This report included the divergent views of State and Army on reparations. At its 22nd Meeting, September 30, the Council adopted certain amendments and noted the views of the JCS but deferred final action until the next meeting pending further consideration of certain portions by State, Defense and Army. (See NSC Action No. 117.) Scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday, October 7, 1948.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

U. S. ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO
(NSC 11)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. The Consultants recommendation that final action be deferred until approximately August 15, 1948 was approved by the Council at its 15th Meeting, July 15. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council directed the Staff to consider this subject in conjunction with its study of NSC 22, "Possible Courses of Action for the U. S. With Respect to the Critical Situation in China". At its 22nd Meeting, the Council discussed recent developments in the Shantung Peninsula and agreed that the Departments of State and Navy would confer concerning U. S. action with respect thereto. Awaiting report by the Departments of State and Navy, Scheduled as Item 4 on the agenda for the next meeting on Thursday, October 7, 1948.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE

In response to the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman, National Security Resources Board, has been requested to report to the Council on the responsibility for planning economic warfare and for conducting economic warfare in time of war. Council awaiting report by Chairman, NSRB for consideration as Item 3 on the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, October 7, 1948.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NSC PAPERS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 2, 1948)

Memorandum from Under Secretary of State requesting Council approval of procedure for implementation of NSC papers recommended therein. Amendments submitted by NSRB, Defense, Army and Air circulated to Council members by memo of September 1. An ad hoc committee designated by the Council, approved a revised procedure which was submitted to the NSC members for consideration by memorandum of September 22, 1948. Approved by State, September 22; Defense, September 23; Army, September 30; Air, September 29; and NSRB, September 27. Awaiting action by Navy.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

COLLECTION OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA

(Memo for the NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 21, 1948)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive for Council consideration. Approved by State, September 27. Awaiting action by Defense, Army, Navy, Air and NSRB.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. 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 at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS
REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20 Series)

Draft report by the Staff on the "risks and objectives" portion of the problem submitted for consideration by the Consultants on September 29, 1948. A meeting of the Consultants to discuss the report will be arranged by the Executive Secretary in the next few days. (See Section 4 for current status for remaining portion of the project.)

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 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 U.S. WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff February 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.

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 prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. Staff revision of August 31 concurred in by all Consultants except State.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

U. S. COURSES OF ACTION IN THE EVENT OF PARTIAL OR COMPLETE
INTERRUPTION BY THE USSR OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT
(NSC Action No. 118)

At its 22nd Meeting, September 30, the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare for consideration by the Council at its next meeting, a report with respect to U. S. courses of action in the event of partial or complete interruption by the Soviets of the airlift to Berlin. Department of State draft received on October 1 as the basis for Staff report.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 113,b)

At its 21st Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the event that current Berlin negotiations are unsuccessful. Staff awaiting Department of State report.

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS
REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council agreed that the Department of State would prepare a report on the risks and objectives for Council consideration. On the basis of the completed report, the NSC directed the Staff to recommend specific measures to achieve the national security objectives. Two draft studies, NSC 20/1 and NSC 20/2, submitted by the Department of State and ORE 60-48 submitted by CIA, served as the working basis for a draft report on risks and objectives, submitted to the Consultants on September 29. The Staff is now giving preliminary consideration to specific measures required to obtain the objectives.

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd.)

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE
CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA
(NSC 22)

At its 17th Meeting the NSC referred NSC 22 and the comments of the JCS thereon (NSC 22/1) to the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration in conjunction with the Staff's study of NSC 11, "U. S. Armed Forces at Tsingtao". At its 22nd Meeting the Council noted that the Department of State would submit a draft report within a few days to the Staff.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA
(NSC Action No. 102, Ref. NSC 28/1)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare for Council consideration specific recommendations as the basis for negotiation of matters with respect to Greenland and Spitzbergen. Implementation of a portion of NSC 28/1 (par. 12-b) deferred pending Council action on the above requested report. Report by the Secretary of the Air Forces circulated to the Council for information on October 4 and referred to the Staff for consideration. Awaiting Staff report.

COORDINATION OF INFORMATION MEASURES
(NSC 4, NSC 10 Series)

An amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4, in the light of Council action on the NSC 10 Series, is being prepared by the Department of State for consideration by the Staff.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

TURKISH AIR POSITION
(NSC Action No. 105)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare a report for Council consideration on the Turkish position with reference to U. S. security interests in the Middle East and to the Greek and Turkish Aid Programs. Awaiting report from the Secretary of the Air Force.

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
(NSC Action No. 104, Ref. NSC 29)

At its 19th Meeting the Council directed the Director of CIA to refer to the Office of Special Projects the problem of a specific plan for the security of strategically important industrial operations in Venezuela, and to report the plan to the Council. Awaiting report from the Director of CIA.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 26, 1948, reference NSC 17/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC approved the Conclusions of NSC 17/1 and directed the Executive Secretary to submit appropriate recommendations. The report of the Executive Secretary, NSC 17/2, was considered by the Council on August 19, when the Council agreed that consideration of subject be referred to SANACC. A directive to SANACC approved September 16, 1948 by the NSC members, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, requests SANACC to prepare appropriate studies and recommendations on the problems of internal security, take final action within the limits of its authority, and make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. SANACC is to report to the NSC the results of its action on the problems considered by SANACC. Awaiting reports from SANACC.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd.)



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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO CHINA

The Secretary of Defense requested study by NSC on January 15, 1948. January 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 U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF U. S. MILITARY POWER IN GREECE
(NSC 5/4)

To be reviewed not later than November 1, 1948.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA
(NSC 19/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed this problem but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations by the Department of State referred to in this report.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7 and the NSC 20 Series.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

DEFERRED PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

SANACC 398/4
(NSC 26)

At its 19th Meeting, September 2, 1948, the Council deferred action on NSC 26, but instructed the Department of State to continue further planning with U. S. industrial representatives in this country.

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