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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(January 31, 1949 - February 14, 1949)

NSC 13/2 RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN
(See NSC Action No. 177)

NSC 34 U. S. POLICY TOWARD CHINA
(See NSC Action No. 178)

NSC 37/2 THE CURRENT POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT
TO FORMOSA
(See NSC Action No. 179)

NSC 22/3 CURRENT POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES RESPECTING
DELIVERY OF AID TO CHINA
(See NSC Action No. 180 and memo to NSC from Executive
Secretary, same subject, dated February 8, 1949)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACETIME PLANNING FOR THE WARTIME CONDUCT OF OVERT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

(Memo for the NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 1, 1949)

To provide a basis for a report to the Council on the above subject, the NSC Staff requested the Department of State to prepare an amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4 in the light of the recommendations of SANACC (SANACC 304/6) and the JCS (SANACC 304/14). By memo of October 5 the Secretary of Defense urged that the NSC Staff submit its report for Council consideration at the earliest possible date. A memorandum by the NSC Staff, concurred in by the Consultants, was submitted to the Council February 1, 1949, requesting further guidance on the subject and presenting three alternative proposals for Council consideration. Views of the Director, Bureau of the Budget have been requested, at the direction of the President, for concurrent consideration. Scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the 34th NSC Meeting, February 17.

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948; NSC 9/5 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 8, 1948; and NSC 9/6)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, and NSC 9/5. Report by the JCS circulated for information of the Council, November 29 and NSC 9/6. Awaiting further Council discussion at an appropriate date.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES
(NSC 17/3)

The Conclusions of a report on the above subject (NSC 17/1) were approved by the Council at its 17th Meeting. On September 16, 1948, the Council, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, approved a directive to SANACC which requested SANACC to take appropriate action on internal security and to make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. A report from SANACC (SANACC 401/1) requesting further guidance was submitted to the Council as NSC 17/3 on November 16 together with correspondence by the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General. Further correspondence by the Attorney General and the Air Force member of SANACC submitted for consideration in connection with NSC 17/3 by Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated November 26, 1948. To be scheduled for consideration at an early Council meeting.

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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC SUB-COMMITTEE ON GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 176)

The Sub-committee met initially on January 28, 1949, pursuant to the reference action, approved a procedure for its activities and designated representatives as a Steering Group. It was agreed that the Department of State would prepare for consideration by the Steering Group the first draft of a restatement of our policy toward Germany, if possible within the next two weeks; and that the Steering Group should undertake concurrently the preparation of position papers on the following problems, the first four of which should have priority over the remainder:

1. Occupation Statute for Western Germany
2. Trizonal Fusion Agreement
3. German Constitution
4. Ruhr Control Plan
5. Prohibited and Restricted Industries
6. Reparations
7. Western Germany's Long-Range Economic Program
(GARIOA and ECA)
8. Western Berlin Currency Situation

Steering Group has in preparation an initial report, outlining the results of its activities to date, for early consideration by the Sub-committee.

Awaiting report by the Sub-committee.

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4. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

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.

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. State action being deferred pending related developments.

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5. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFFMEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4; NSC 35; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, dated January 11, 1949)

On the basis of the statement of U. S. risks and objectives with respect to the USSR (NSC 20/4) as adopted by the Council and approved by the President, the Staff is making final revisions to its preliminary draft of the specific measures required to achieve those objectives, pursuant to NSC Action No. 88-b. In this connection the Staff has considered the views of the JCS on military commitments which were circulated as NSC 35 for Council information and Staff use. Staff draft report presented to Consultants January 11. Referred back to the Staff for revisions in the light of the discussion at the Consultants' meeting on January 17. Staff request that JCS views on "military readiness" be obtained for use in completing final draft of report was transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, January 19. Staff awaiting JCS views.

RE-APPRAISAL BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO KOREA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 17, 1949; NSC 8)

Proposal by the Acting Secretary of State for a re-appraisal and if necessary a re-definition of the position of the United States with respect to Korea, circulated for the information of the Council on January 17, 1949 and referred to the NSC Staff as a matter of urgency for the preparation of a report. State Department requested to prepare initial draft. Awaiting report from State.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GREECE AND TURKEY

(NSC Action No. 157; NSC 36)

At its 30th Meeting the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for early consideration by the Council on the position of the U. S. with respect to Greece and Turkey, taking into consideration NSC 36, SANACC 358/7 and 358/8, the previous NSC Staff draft paper of April 27 on Turkey and such other studies on the subject as may be appropriate. A draft report by the Department of State is being considered by the NSC Staff.

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PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF, CONT'D

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA
(NSC Action No. 179; NSC 37/3)

At its 33rd Meeting the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report on Formosa supplementary to NSC 37/2 adopted at that meeting. The JCS have furnished an estimate of the extent of the threat to U. S. security in the event that diplomatic and economic steps to deny communist domination of Formosa prove insufficient, and recommendations as to what, if any, military measures should be taken in that event (NSC 37/3). The Department of State is preparing a statement of specific and immediate steps which the U. S. should take with respect to Formosa. The NSC Staff is to base its report on the discussion at the NSC meeting and the above reports by the Department of State and the JCS. Awaiting report from State.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND WESTERN POWERS CONCERNING NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY AND MILITARY AID

The Secretary of State has informally requested the NSC Staff to prepare an analysis on the above subject for Council consideration. A report by the JCS on "Anticipated Position of Scandinavia in Strategic Considerations", dated February 10, 1949, has been made available informally by the office of the Secretary of Defense for use by the NSC Staff in the preparation of this study. Awaiting Staff report.

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6. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN
(NSC 13/1 and 13/2; NSC Action No. 117-c-(2).)

At its 23rd Meeting on October 7 the Council adopted NSC 13/1, subject to amendments, and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9 and 20 should be submitted separately. (NSC Action No. 117.) Approved report circulated as NSC 13/2. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, and paragraph 9 as of November 19, by NSC Actions Nos. 138 and 143 respectively. Amendment to paragraph 5 adopted February 1 by NSC Action No. 177. Awaiting a joint report by the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Army on paragraph 20.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA
(NSC 19/1; NSC 19/2; Memo for Secretary of State from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 15, 1948)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed the subject but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations referred to by the Department of State in NSC 19/2. As suggested by the Secretary of Defense in the reference memo, the Department of State was requested to prepare a progress report summarizing implementation of NSC 19/1, setting forth any suggestions concerning changes in NSC 19/1 as a basis for reconsideration by the NSC of the policies approved in that report. Awaiting report from State.

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7. DEFERRED PROJECTS

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 the NSC 35 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.

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.

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