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STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(December 6, 1949 - January 3, 1950)

NSC 58/2 UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES
IN EASTERN EUROPE
(See NSC Action No. 264)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 1951
(See NSC Action No. 265)

POLICY DIRECTIVE TO UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
GERMANY
(See NSC Action No. 266)

NSC 48/2 THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO ASIA
(See NSC Action No. 268)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

U. S. CIVIL AVIATION POLICY TOWARD THE USSR AND ITS SATELLITES
(NSC 15/2; 15/1)

Report by the Department of State (NSC 15/2) as a proposed policy to supersede NSC 15/1, submitted for consideration by the Council and the Secretary of Commerce, the Economic Cooperation Administrator and the Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board. Scheduled as item 1 on the agenda for the 51st NSC Meeting on January 5, 1950.

ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL OF U. S. OBJECTIVES, COMMITMENTS, AND RISKS IN RELATION TO MILITARY POWER

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 20, 1949)

Recommendation by the Executive Secretary that the NSC Staff be directed to prepare a report for Council consideration on the above subject submitted for Council consideration. Scheduled as item 2 on the agenda for the 51st NSC Meeting on January 5, 1950. (See also "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR" below.)

THE FOREIGN INFORMATION PROGRAM AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PLANNING
(NSC 59; NSC 43/1 and related papers; NSC 4)

Report by the Under Secretary of State (NSC 59) prepared by the organization established within the Department of State to carry out the provisions of NSC 4 and NSC 43 and concurred in by the NSC Consultants, submitted for Council consideration. This report supersedes NSC 43/1, a previous report by the Secretary of State, which had been under consideration by the Council for memorandum action since August 2, 1949. To be scheduled as an item on the agenda for an early NSC meeting.

CRISIS SITUATIONS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 22, 1949)

Proposed amendment to NSCID 1, submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence for the consideration of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General. Approved by Justice, December 27; by NSRB, December 30; by State, January 3. Awaiting action by other Council members and the Secretary of the Treasury.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

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AVOIDANCE OF PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OF THE
U. S. GOVERNMENT

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 18 and 31, and October 6, 1949; NSC 50)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive on above subject submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to par. 7 of NSC 50 (NSC Action No. 237d). Action requested by reference memo dated August 31. Approved by NSRB, Sept. 6; and by the Attorney General, Sept. 24. Additional paragraph proposed by the Acting Secretary of State circulated for consideration by the other NSC members, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of the Treasury, by memo dated October 6. Approved with proposed additional paragraph by NSRB, October 12; by the Attorney General, October 24; by Treasury, November 4; by Defense, November 10. Awaiting action by other Council members.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION ON INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 10 and 31, and October 6, 1949; NSC 50)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive on above subject submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to par. 7 of NSC 50 (NSC Action No. 237d). Action requested by reference memo dated August 31. Approved by NSRB, Sept. 6; and by the Attorney General, Sept. 24. Additional paragraph proposed by the Acting Secretary of State circulated for consideration by the other NSC members, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General by memo dated October 6, 1949. Approved with proposed additional paragraph by NSRB, October 12; by the Attorney General, October 24; by Treasury, November 4; by Defense, November 10. Awaiting action by other Council members.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4; NSC 35; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 25 and June 21, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 30, 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 drafted specific measures required to achieve those objectives, pursuant to NSC Action No. 88-b. In this connection, the Staff 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 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. JCS views incorporated by the NSC Staff in a draft report submitted to the Consultants by memo dated March 30. Concurred in by Navy and NSRB, April 1; by Air Force, April 5; by Army, April 12. State recommendations regarding this project submitted by memo dated May 25 to Council. Defense proposal with respect to State recommendations submitted to the Council for consideration by memo dated June 21. To be scheduled for consideration at a forthcoming Council meeting. (See also "Assessment and Appraisal of U. S. Objectives, Commitments and Risks in Relation to Military Power", memo by the Executive Secretary, above.)

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLIGENCE

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 28, 1949; NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237; NSC 50)

Final progress report by the Director of Central Intelligence, of those called for by NSC 50 and NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237, circulated by the reference memorandum for Council information.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

PLANNING FOR LIMITED JAPANESE ARMED FORCES

(NSC 44 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Limited Military Armament for Japan", dated March 11, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, above subject, dated April 27, 1949)

Study by the Department of the Army, "Limited Military Armament for Japan", and comments thereon by General MacArthur and the JCS, referred by the Secretary of Defense for examination by the NSC Staff with a view to preparing possible amendments to NSC 13/3 for Council consideration. Draft report submitted to the Consultants, April 27. Concurred in by Defense and Navy, May 3; by Army, May 5; by NSRB, May 7; by Air, May 9. Awaiting action by State, pending the results of informal consultation between State and Defense.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

U. S. POLICY CONCERNING MILITARY COLLABORATION UNDER THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE
(NSC 56)

Report by the Secretary of Defense, including a draft NSC report on the subject and an interim directive to the Chairman of the U. S. Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, circulated to the Council for information and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Awaiting Staff report.

ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE U. S. ASSUMPTION OF BRITISH MILITARY COMMITMENTS

Upon the informal suggestion of the Department of State, the NSC Staff initiated, on September 22, an analysis to show which British military commitments we might have to take over if the British gave them up and the possible cost to us. Initial draft being prepared by Defense. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 235 on "Britain's Overseas Military Commitments", furnished to Staff October 13, and ORE 93-49, on November 21, for consideration in connection with the subject. Awaiting Staff study.

UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING TRADE WITH CHINA
(NSC 41/1)

A report by the Secretary of State, circulated to the Council for information, has been referred at the suggestion of the Secretary of State to the NSC Staff for preparation, as a matter of urgent priority, of a report for consideration by the Council. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the views of the Department of Commerce are being obtained in connection with the Staff study, and the Secretary of Commerce will be invited to participate in any Council consideration of the report. Suggested State revisions received December 2, and Defense draft received December 13; both under consideration by Staff in light of approved policy in NSC 48/2. Awaiting Staff study.

PROVISION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft report on the subject transmitted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State for use by the NSC Staff in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Awaiting Staff study.

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5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTSU. S. POLICY TOWARD GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 176)

The NSC Sub-committee on Germany, established by NSC Action No. 176, 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, 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

The Steering Group held 15 meetings to March 30, 1949 at which the above subjects were discussed. These discussions were reflected in position papers on Germany presented to the President by the Secretary of State on March 31, 1949 preparatory to the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United Kingdom, France and the United States held in Washington. Subsequent to this meeting, the position papers, noted above, prepared by the Department of State, and the Agreements reached by the three Foreign Ministers on April 8, 1949, were circulated to the NSC Members by memoranda from the Executive Secretary, subject, "The Position of the U. S. with Respect to Germany", dated April 28 and 29, 1949, respectively. These were noted by the Council at its 39th Meeting on May 5 (NSC Action No. 212). Preparatory to the Sixth Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris, May 23 to June 20, 1949, the NSC discussed the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the light of the paper by the Secretary of State circulated to Council Members by a memo from the Executive Secretary dated May 16, 1949 (NSC Action No. 215). "Policy Directive to U. S. High Commissioner for Germany", memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, dated November 18, 1949, noted by the Council at its 49th Meeting on December 8, 1949.

Awaiting first draft from the Department of State of a report on U. S. policy toward Germany.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 23, 1949, ref. NSC 18/4, paragraph 28)

Pursuant to par. 28 of NSC 18/4, approved by the President on November 18, 1949, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Chairman of the NSRB, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget designated representatives to assist in the preparation of a study on the methods by which the United States can make available military assistance to meet emergency needs not provided for in existing legislation. At a meeting of these representatives an outline for the study was agreed upon and drafts are in preparation by State, Defense and Justice. The Director of Central Intelligence has prepared an estimate of likely contingencies where military assistance may be requested which is not provided for in existing legislation, together with an analysis of problems in connection therewith peculiar to particular foreign countries or areas. Defense draft circulated December 27. Awaiting drafts by State and Justice.

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY
(NSC 60; NSC 48/2)

Pursuant to paragraph 3-d of NSC 48/2, the question of a peace settlement with Japan will be presented for Council consideration at a later date. The current views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject circulated for Council information as NSC 60. Awaiting results of further study by State and Defense.

6. 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 subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

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