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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(April 3, 1950 - April 17, 1950)

PROGRESS REPORT ON INTERNAL SECURITY, NSC 17/4 and 17/6,
DATED MARCH 17, 1950
(See NSC Action No. 285)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
(NSC 68; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 17, 1950.)

Letter from the President and the Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense referred to therein, transmitted as NSC 68 for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Economic Cooperation Administrator, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and the Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers. A proposed procedure for carrying out the President's directive as a matter of urgency was circulated in the reference memorandum. Special security precautions requested in accordance with President's desire that no publicity be given this report or its content without his approval. NSC 68 and the reference memorandum scheduled as item 1 of the agenda for the 55th NSC meeting, April 20, 1950.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNISM IN ITALY
(NSC 67; Progress Report on NSC 1/2 and 1/3, dated February 23, 1950.)

In accord with the reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State, the Department of State presented in the NSC Staff certain recommendations for the revision of NSC 1/2. Staff draft embodying these recommendations was further revised by State to incorporate a revision of NSC 1/3, "Position of the U. S. with Respect to Italy in the Light of the Communist Participation in the Government by Legal Means." Staff draft report concurred in by NSC Consultants and submitted to the NSC for consideration as NSC 67. Special security precautions have been requested in the handling of this report. Scheduled for consideration as item 2 on the agenda for the 55th NSC meeting, April 20, 1950.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO INDOCHINA
(NSC 64; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 27, 1950)

Report by the Department of State submitted for urgent consideration and memorandum action by the NSC and the Secretary of the Treasury by the reference memo of February 27. Approved by NSRB, March 1; by State, March 2; by Treasury, March 9; by Defense, April 17. Awaiting action by other Council members.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA IN THE FIELDS OF INTELLIGENCE
AND OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(NSC 66; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject,
dated April 4, 1950)

Report by the Secretary of State submitted by the reference memo for consideration and memorandum action by the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission. In accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and the Director of Central Intelligence were requested to designate representatives in advance to prepare a report for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, in the event that the recommendations in NSC 66 are approved. Approved by Treasury, April 6; by NSRB, April 11. Awaiting action by other Council members and designation of representatives by State, Defense, FCC and CIA.

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

FUTURE COURSES OF UNITED STATES ACTION WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRIA
(Memo for NSC Consultants from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 13, 1950)

A draft report on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff on the basis of an original State draft, was submitted by the reference memo to the NSC Consultants for concurrence. Awaiting action by all Consultants.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COLLABORATION
(NSC 56; Memo for NSC Consultants From Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 21, 1950)

Report by the Secretary of Defense including a draft NSC report on the subject and an interim directive to the Chairman, U. S. Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, circulated to the Council for information as NSC 56 and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Draft report of February 14, 1950, by the NSC Staff considered by Consultants at a meeting on March 2, 1950, and referred back to NSC Staff for revision in light of the discussion. Revision by NSC Staff submitted by the reference memo to the NSC Consultants. Awaiting action by all Consultants.

U. S. POLICY TOWARD ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE NEAR EAST
(NSC 65/1; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 17, 1950)

NSC 65/1, adopted by the NSC at its 54th meeting (NSC Action No.286) and referred to the President, has been returned by the President to the NSC and the Secretary of the Treasury for reconsideration in the light of his remarks on the report to the Secretaries of State and Defense on April 14. With the concurrence of the Secretaries of State and Defense, the report has been referred to the NSC Consultants for preparation of a revised report for Council consideration. Awaiting Consultant report.

4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFFAPPRAISAL OF U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 2, 1949, ref. SANACC 360/14; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 17, 1949; NSC Action No. 224; ref. NSC 48/2)

Report by SANACC (360/14) on above subject, and amendments proposed by the Secretary of Defense, referred by the Council at its 42nd Meeting to the NSC Staff for use in preparation of a report pursuant to NSC 48, "U. S. Policy Toward Asia", and for reexamination in light of that study (NSC 48/2) and the discussion at the meeting. Awaiting initial State draft.

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, 1949, 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. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 235 on "Britain's Overseas Military Commitments", furnished to Staff October 13, 1949, and ORE 93-49, on November 21, 1949, for consideration in connection with the subject. Initial Defense draft of February 23, 1950, revised by Staff, April 4, 1950. Awaiting Staff consideration.

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. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 253 on "The Effectiveness of Control of Exports to Communist China", dated December 12, 1949, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the subject. Suggested State revisions received December 2; Defense draft received December 13, 1949; Additional Defense and State drafts received February 27 and February 28, 1950. Awaiting further Staff discussion on a proposed memo to NSC Consultants requesting clarification and guidance, together with State and Defense suggested changes thereto.

IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

PROVISION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft report on the subject transmitted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State recommended the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Initial draft by Department of State circulated to NSC Staff March 31, 1950. Awaiting Staff consideration.

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; NSC Action No. 270; NSC 35; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR", dated May 25 and June 21, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures..." dated March 30, 1949; NSC Action No. 280 b)

At its 51st Meeting, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the above subject. CIA Intelligence Memos No. 263, "Estimate of Political Factors in the Strategic Situation, in the Event of War Before July 1951", dated January 20, 1950; No. 268, "Estimate of Soviet Capabilities and Intentions: Economic: 1951 and 1954", dated January 25, 1950; and No. 270, "Possible Political Developments of Strategic Significance, Between 1951 and 1954", dated January 28, 1950, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the project. The reference papers on "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR" were referred by the Council (NSC Action No. 280 b) to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Departmental studies of scope and nature of this project underway. Staff members assisting in these studies as a preliminary step.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTSMILITARY 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 Acting Chairman, 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 on December 12, 1949, an outline for the study was agreed upon and drafts of certain sections undertaken 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. Over-all draft report prepared by Defense on the basis of the 3 section drafts by State, Defense, and Justice, circulated February 14, 1950, and considered together with a memo by Budget, at a meeting on March 9. Committee awaiting revised draft report by State.

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

(NSC 60; NSC 48/2; NSC 44; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Limited Military Armament for Japan", dated March 11, 1949; memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject: "Planning for Limited Japanese Armed Forces", dated April 27, 1949)

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. NSC 44 and related papers, previously under consideration by the NSC Consultants, referred by agreement among Consultants for consideration in connection with this project. Awaiting results of further study by State and Defense.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

U. S. ECONOMIC AID TO FAR EASTERN AREAS

(NSC 61; Memos for Working Group from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 3, and April 17)

Memo on the above subject (NSC 61) by the Under Secretaries of State and the Army submitted for consideration by the Council, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator of the recommendation contained therein that a working group be designated to give urgent attention to a study looking to closer coordination of economic and military aid programs generally for Far Eastern areas. In accord with this recommendation and with the concurrence of the President, the Secretaries of State, Defense, the Treasury, and Commerce, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator designated the following representatives as a working group to prepare such a report for consideration by the Council, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce and the Economic Cooperation Administrator: State, Mr. Rusk; Defense, Mr. Voorhees; Treasury, Mr. Martin; Commerce, Mr. Blaisdell; and ECA, Mr. Cleveland. At a meeting on February 28 the Working Group received several memos from Mr. Voorhees on the subject and directed a Staff Committee to prepare a draft report. The Staff Committee including a representative from the Bureau of the Budget has forwarded a draft report to the Working Group for consideration. State, Treasury, Commerce and ECA concurred in the report. Defense did not concur and submitted views which were circulated for consideration together with an alternative report by the Bureau of the Budget in the reference memo of April 17. Awaiting further action by Working Group.

APPRAISAL OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 7, 1950; NSC Action No. 282)

In approving the proposal by the Acting Chairman, NSRB, in the reference memo, the NSC directed (NSC Action No. 282) the Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the government agencies concerned, to organize and conduct a study of foreign economic intelligence requirements, facilities and arrangements related to the national security and, based on the findings of this study, to prepare for Council consideration and action a comprehensive plan for satisfying the foreign economic intelligence requirements of the national security and for a coordinated interagency effort to this end based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned. Awaiting report by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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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