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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(December 8, 1952 - December 15, 1952)

(NONE)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

- A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 127th NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1952:
(Agenda dated December 12, 1952)

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

For discussion of the subject in the light of an oral briefing by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, on the military situation in Korea. Scheduled as item 1.

NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEMS CONCERNING FREE WORLD PETROLEUM DEMANDS AND POTENTIAL SUPPLIES

(NSC 138; NSC 97/2; NSC 136/1; NSC 129/1)

Memorandum by the Secretary of the Interior and Petroleum Administrator for Defense on the subject has been submitted as NSC 138 and is scheduled for discussion as item 2. The Attorney General and the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce are being invited to participate with the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Defense Mobilization in action on this report.

INTERNAL SECURITY

(Progress Report, dated November 24, 1952, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and NSC 17/6)

The reference Progress Report by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council and is scheduled to be noted as item 3. The Attorney General is being invited to participate with the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Defense Mobilization in action on this report.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

EFFECT OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AND UPON MILITARY AND CIVIL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
(NSC 137; NSC 66/1; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America With Regard to Soviet Jamming", dated January 2, February 26 and February 29, 1952; NSC Action No. 612)

At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum at an early Council meeting. The Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, has been invited to participate with the Council in action on this report.

EXAMINATION OF BAGGAGE OF INCOMING DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND SHIPMENTS TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE U. S.
(NSC 133)

Report by the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security on the subject, together with its accompanying memorandum from the Chairman, ICIS, was submitted in accordance with the last paragraph of the memorandum for the consideration of the National Security Council, the Attorney General and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission as NSC 133. Awaiting Council consideration.

POSSIBILITY OF AN IMPROVED CONTINENTAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
(NSC Action Nos. 673 and 678; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 13, and December 16, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Re-appraisal of United States Objectives and Strategy for National Security", dated September 2, 1952)

The Council at its meeting on September 24 noted a statement by the Chairman, NSRB, regarding recent technological developments indicating the possibility of an improved early warning system for military and passive defense of the continental United States, and the urgency of taking immediate steps in this field (see reference memo of October 13). The Council also noted the President's desire that an urgent survey be made by the Department of Defense of the feasibility and cost of such an improved continental early warning system (NSC Action No. 673).

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PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

POSSIBILITY OF AN IMPROVED CONTINENTAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
(Cont'd)

The Council at its meeting on October 14 discussed the subject in the light of an oral presentation by the Department of Defense in response to NSC Action No. 673 and noted the President's directive that the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, NSRB, prepare coordinated recommendations on the subject for the President's consideration in connection with the preparation of the FY 1954 budget (NSC Action No. 678).

Statement of policy on the subject, based upon facts made available as a result of Council consideration of the problem at the 123rd and 124th Council meetings, is being transmitted to the Council by the reference memo of December 16. Before issuing the policy the President has requested that members of the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of Defense Mobilization, the Director, Bureau of the Budget and the Acting Federal Civil Defense Administrator make available through the Executive Secretary, not later than December 23, any comments or suggested changes on the statement of policy. Awaiting comment by the Council and others concerned.

3. CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

A. SENIOR NSC STAFF

CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR /PRIORITY PROJECT/

(Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings February 23 and May 24, 1951; NSC 79; NSC 112; NSC Action No. 511; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", dated September 6, 1950)

On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project on United States and allied war objectives should be completed in two sections and that the section on the above subject, including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces, should be completed as a matter of priority. On May 24, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that the completion of this project would provide an important background for obtaining popular support for U. S. national security policies.

Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense in connection with the plan referred to above, adopted by the Council (NSC Action No. 511) and approved by the President as NSC 112. On July 10, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff noted that NSC 112 was the first step toward completion of this project and that further work would proceed in the light of Council action on NSC 112. Awaiting re-examination by the Senior State Member of this project and the one below, with a view to expediting their completion or proposing their cancellation.

UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 6, 1950)

JCS memo (NSC 79) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for use in the preparation of a report. The Senior Staff designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include both a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, and such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. At the initial meeting of the ad hoc group under the chairmanship of the State Member on October 6, 1950, the form and content of a response to the problems posed by NSC 79 were discussed and agreed upon.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR (Cont'd)

On February 23, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that this project should be divided as follows: (1) a statement of U. S. and allied war objectives in the event of a global war; and (2) a statement of the conditions the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR, including a plan for the reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces. Awaiting re-examination by the Senior State Member of this project and the one above, with a view to expediting their completion or proposing their cancellation.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 18, 1951; NIE-55; SE-20; SE-27; NSC Action No. 595)

The Council in adopting NSC 118/2, referred the alternative versions of subparagraph 2-b-(6) to the Senior NSC Staff for review in the light of an analysis of the traffic in and out of Communist China and the probable effectiveness of an embargo or blockade (NSC Action No. 595-a-(4)). The Senior Staff at its meeting on September 18, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, agreed that completion of the review of these alternative sub-paragraphs should be deferred pending forthcoming consultation by the United States with its allies. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the Steering Committee on this project.

RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS

(Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951; NSC 97/2; NSC 129/1; NSC 136/1; NSC 138)

The Senior NSC Staff at its meeting on November 27, 1951, agreed that, in connection with but not necessarily as a part of the Mediterranean and Middle East project (see NSC 129/1 and NSC 136/1), the Department of Defense should prepare a study of the cost of the military effort in terms of feasibility, time and material, and the forces required to ensure the continued availability of oil from the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area, and the Office of Defense Mobilization

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS (Cont'd)

should prepare a study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from that area. Preliminary studies by Defense and ODM have been received by the Steering Committee on this project. The Steering Committee on April 29 agreed that consideration of this project should be deferred pending receipt of the forthcoming report on the national petroleum program (see NSC 97 project below). Awaiting preparation of the report on the national petroleum program.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD FORMOSA, THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST CHINESE FORCES

(NSC Action No. 624; NSC 128; NSC 48/5; Memo for the Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 24, 1952; SE-29)

The Council on April 2 (NSC Action No. 624): (a) discussed the reference report by the Acting Secretary of Defense on Formosa (NSC 128); and (b) directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by the Departments of State and Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to United States policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-Communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff contained in NSC 128.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on April 29 discussed the subject on the basis of the reference memo of April 24 reporting the results of the preliminary discussions pursuant to NSC Action No. 624-b, and constituted the Steering Committee on NSC 128, consisting of the Senior State, Defense, MS, JCS and CIA Members, to prepare for Senior Staff consideration a draft of the report called for by NSC Action No. 624-b in the light of the preliminary discussions. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the Steering Committee on NSC 128.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97 and NSC 97/2; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "World-Wide Demand and Supply of Petroleum in Event of a Major War", dated August 3 and October 8, 1951 and February 27 and March 17, 1952; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 20 and October 24, 1951, and July 24 and November 28, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", dated December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592)

At the direction of the President, a letter from the Acting Secretary of Defense on the subject (NSC 97) was referred to the Director of Defense Mobilization to develop a national petroleum program leading to the complete supply of allied requirements for consideration by the NSC. Interim report on the subject (NSC 97/1), prepared by the NSC Staff based largely on studies by ODM and PAD, was amended by the Council and submitted to the President on December 12 (NSC Action No. 592). The President on December 13, 1951, approved the Interim Recommendations contained in NSC 97/1, as amended, and directed their implementation by all executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government under the coordination of the Director of Defense Mobilization. Report as amended subsequently issued as NSC 97/2.

At the request of the Senior ODM Member a "Refining Supplement" to the basic report transmitted by the reference memo of August 3 and a report on "Petroleum Transportation in the United States", which also supplements this basic report transmitted by the reference memos of February 27 and March 17 for the information of the Senior Staff. Report by the Senior State Member on developments in foreign countries in connection with planning for petroleum allocations and rationing was circulated for Senior Staff information by the reference memo of July 24.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on September 18 in connection with a review of the Status of Projects noted that a revised report by the Petroleum Administration for Defense on world-wide demand and supply of petroleum in the event of a major war would be distributed to the Senior Staff about November 30. Memo by the Senior ODM Member, suggesting a Senior Staff procedure and schedule for the re-examination of NSC 97/2 and reporting on progress on the preparation by PAD of its report

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM (Cont'd)

has been transmitted by the reference memo of November 28 for the information of the Senior Staff. Awaiting revised report by the PAD on world-wide demand and supply of petroleum in the event of a major war, to serve as the basis for a re-examination of NSC 97/2 by the Senior Staff. (See also project above on "Relative Cost of Ensuring Availability of Certain Middle East Oil Facilities or of Offsetting Their Loss" and NSC 138 project in Section 2-A.)

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

B. NSC STAFF ASSISTANTS

(NONE)

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4. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

REAPPRAISAL OF UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC Action Nos. 668 and 688; NSC 135/1 and Annex to NSC 135/1; NSC 135/3; NSC 135; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 14, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Objectives and Programs for National Security", dated June 30, 1952)

The Council, at its meeting on September 3, discussed NSC 135/1 and referred it to the Senior NSC Staff for revision (see NSC 135/3). The Council also noted that the President directed the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director for Mutual Security jointly to undertake, in consultation as appropriate with other departments and agencies, the preparation of materials necessary for a re-examination of the amounts and allocations of resources to various areas in terms of kind, quantity, timing and priority, to determine: (1) whether a general increase in the level of free world programs and military forces is required to deal with the several threats; (2) whether the present allocation of resources as between U.S. military forces and other free world forces is appropriate; (3) whether the present balance between military assistance and the various types of economic assistance is appropriate; and (4) whether these allocations are in proper relationship to the threats facing the United States in Europe, the Far East, and the Middle East, to the importance of these areas for U.S. security, and to United States commitments. The materials so prepared, together with any recommendations, are to be submitted to the President, through the NSC prior to January 1, 1953, with a progress report to be submitted by November 15, 1952, if the work has proceeded sufficiently (NSC Action No. 668).

The Council at its meeting on November 26, noted a Progress Report by the Chairman of the Steering Group on this re-examination, submitted pursuant to NSC Action No. 668-b and transmitted by the reference memo of November 14 (NSC Action No. 688). Awaiting joint report by the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director for Mutual Security.

A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 21, 1952; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951 and November 21, 25 and 26, 1952; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States," dated November 25, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543 and 687; SE-14)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and its attached report by the ICIS on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 5, 1951, for Council consideration of the "Recommendations" contained in Part VII thereof and of the proposed National Security Council Directive. Prior to Council action, at the direction of the President, the views of the Director of Central Intelligence were requested and transmitted by the reference memo of July 17 for consideration by the Council concurrently with the ICIS report. JCS views submitted by the reference memo of July 30, 1951.

At its meeting on August 1, 1951, the Council agreed to the four steps proposed by the JCS in paragraph 3 of the memo transmitted by the reference memo of July 30, 1951, subject to the assignment of paragraph 3-b to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. The Council also agreed that the resulting reports should be integrated into a single report to it under the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence with the assistance of representatives of the appropriate departments and agencies. The Director of Central Intelligence undertook to prepare a directive along these lines for consideration by the Council. Directive on the subject, prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence was approved on August 30, 1951 by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director of Defense Mobilization (NSC Action No. 543) and circulated by the reference memo of August 30, 1951.

A memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject and its attached summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the continental United States, prepared pursuant to the NSC directive transmitted by the reference memo of August 30, 1951, were submitted to the Council by the reference memo of October 21 for consideration of the recommendations contained in paragraph 5 of the memorandum. JCS views were submitted by the reference memo of November 25.

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The Council, Mr. Murray for the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Acting Federal Civil Defense Administrator at the Council meeting on November 26: (a) received the summary evaluation, "Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", transmitted by the reference memorandum of October 21 and amended by the reference memorandum of November 25 on the same subject, as an initial effort in response to the NSC directive issued by NSC Action No. 543, and noted that it is characterized by a number of limitations and inadequacies, including the fact that developments since the evaluation was prepared have rendered it, in part, out of date; (b) instructed the Director of Central Intelligence, in collaboration with the JCS, the IIC, the ICIS, and, as required, officials of other governmental bodies, to prepare for early submission to the National Security Council, terms of reference for a more adequate evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the United States, and recommendations for the machinery necessary to produce for the National Security Council such a coordinated evaluation; and (c) deferred action, pending further study, on the recommendation in paragraph 5-c of the memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence enclosed with the reference memorandum of October 21, as amended by the Director of Central Intelligence and circulated at the meeting (NSC Action No. 687).

Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence, pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b above and further consideration by the Council of the recommendation of the DCI contained in paragraph 5-c of the memorandum of the DCI transmitted by the reference memo of October 21, as amended.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN

(NSC 125/2; NSC Action No. 660; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 7, 1952)

In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2 he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Department of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time. Awaiting report by the Secretary of State.

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OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS (Cont'd)

ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 14, and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507; Para. 30, Progress Report, dated November 24, 1952, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and NSC 17/6)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS), enclosing a draft Presidential directive and a report and proposed regulations on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951, for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Approved by ODM, June 19; by Justice, June 21; by State, June 28; by Treasury, June 29; by NSRB, July 2; by AEC, July 9.

The Acting Secretary of Defense on July 2, 1951, recommended that the Council defer action on this memorandum until the Standing Group of the NATO had an opportunity to examine the proposed regulations. On July 11 the NSC agreed that further consideration should be deferred, pending the outcome of the NATO negotiations as recommended by the Acting Secretary of Defense (NSC Action No. 507).

Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and its attached report on the present status of negotiations within NATO were circulated by the reference memo of November 19, 1951, for the information of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. In accordance with the proposal by the Department of Defense in the first sentence of the memorandum, the draft Presidential directive and related papers on the subject, transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951, were referred back to the ICIS for reconsideration in the light of this memorandum from the Department of Defense. Awaiting report by the ICIS.

ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE

(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131 and NSC 131/1; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 9, 1952)

As requested by the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator, a draft Policy Memorandum by the Federal Civil Defense Administration on the subject, was transmitted as NSC 131 for consideration by the NSC of the policy contained in paragraph III thereof. A revised version of the draft Policy Memorandum by FCDA,

OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS (Cont'd)

ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE
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which incorporated changes accepted by the FCDA as a result of discussion in the Senior NSC Staff, including those changes contained in the reference memo, was transmitted to the Council as NSC 131/1. Supporting staff study prepared by the FCDA was also transmitted by the reference memo for Council information. The Council at its meeting on June 18, with the Federal Civil Defense Administrator participating, discussed NSC 131 and NSC 131/1 and deferred action thereon (NSC Action No. 651). Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting.

STATUS OF UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 1952
(NSC 135)

The President has directed that the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare for the information of the President and the National Security Council reports on the status of these programs as of the end of the calendar year in relation to our national security objectives. These reports will serve to bring up to date the status reports contained in NSC 135. Awaiting reports due February 1 by the departments and agencies concerned.

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