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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(April 27, 1953 - May 4, 1953)

1. DEVELOPMENTS AT RECENT NATO CONFERENCE  
(NSC Action No. 772)
2. THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA  
(NSC Action No. 773)
3. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH  
RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF  
CHINA  
(NSC Action Nos. 760-a and 774) (See also same  
subject in Section II-B)
4. AUSTRIAN TREATY  
(NSC Action No. 778)

## II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

### A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 143RD NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1953 (Agenda dated May 4, 1953)

#### 1. THE LARGE SHIP REACTOR AND AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAMS (NSC Action No. 768-e; NSC 149/2)

Origin: The Council on April 22, 1953, (NSC Action No. 768-e) adopted the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense that the large ship reactor program and the aircraft nuclear propulsion program be eliminated as not required from the viewpoint of national security.

Current Status: The reference action is scheduled for further consideration.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

The subject is scheduled for discussion in the light of an oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence, with particular reference to the situation in Laos.

#### 3. THE SITUATION IN KOREA

The subject is scheduled for discussion in the light of an oral briefing by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### 4. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST (NSC 148; NSC Action Nos. 758 and 777-d-(2); Memo for NSC, subject, "Cost Estimates of United States Policies in the Far East", April 21, 1953; Memo for All Holders of April 21 memo dated April 23, 1953; NSC 48/5; NIE-47; Memo for NSC, April 30, 1953)

Origin: Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Planning Board, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 148, together with a Far East Financial Summary and an annex constituting an NSC staff study on Communist China.

Current Status: NSC 148 is scheduled for further consideration in the light of revised estimates of expenditures prepared by the Bureau of the Budget and transmitted by the reference memoranda of April 21 and 23. (See also related project listed as No. 7 in Section III below.)

5. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA  
(NSC 147; NSC Action Nos. 759 and 777-e; NSC 118/2;  
Memo for NSC, subject, "Future Courses of Action in  
Connection with the Situation in Korea", March 30, 1953;  
NIE-80; SE-41)

Origin: Report on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board in the light of the estimate of the JCS transmitted by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council. NSC 147 also sets forth possible methods of meeting the problem of reimbursement of the United States for logistic support of other UN forces in Korea.

Current Status: The alternative courses of action set forth in the reference report by the NSC Planning Board on the subject (NSC 147) and a report by the Department of Defense, pursuant to NSC Action No. 777-e, on the steps which might be taken during the Korean armistice negotiations either to build up in Korea or to give an impression such a build-up was taking place are scheduled for consideration.

6. SALE OF MODERN AIRCRAFT TO LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS  
(NSC Action No. 775)

Origin: The Council at its meeting on April 28: (a) noted an oral report by General Vandenberg for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, of increased British sales of modern aircraft to Latin American nations, and the adverse effect upon the position of U.S. military advisory and assistance groups; and (b) noted that the President directed the Departments of State and Defense to study this problem and be prepared to make recommendations thereon at the Council meeting on May 6 (NSC Action No. 775).

Current Status: Recommendations on the subject prepared by the Departments of State and Defense to be presented at the meeting pursuant to NSC Action No. 775-b are scheduled for consideration.

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B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA (NSC 146 and Annex to NSC 146; NSC Action Nos. 760, 624; NSC 128, 48/5; SE-29; NIE-27/1; Memos for NSC, April 6 and 7, 1953)

Origin: The Council on April 2 directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by State, 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 U.S. policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128 (NSC Action No. 624-b).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 146 as amended by the reference memo of April 6.

2. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN (NSC 125/5 and 125/4; NSC Action Nos. 660 and 761; NSC 125/2; Annex to NSC 125/1; NSC 125/3 and Annex to 125/3; Memos for NSC, August 7, 1952 and April 27, 1953; NIE-52)

Origin: 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 Departments 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 (reference memo of August 7).

Current Status: Revision of NSC 125/4 prepared by the Planning Board pursuant to NSC Action No. 761-a, to take account of the question of the long-term viability of the economy of Japan deprived of the raw materials and markets of the Chinese mainland has been submitted to the Council as NSC 125/5 and will be scheduled for consideration at an early Council meeting.



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3. ELIGIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED U.S. SECURITY INFORMATION  
(Memo for NSC, April 24, 1953; Memos for Planning Board, March 25 and April 8, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Eligibility of Foreign Representatives to Receive Classified Information", June 14 and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507)

Origin: Draft Presidential directive, a report and proposed regulations on the subject, prepared by the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951 for consideration by the Council.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Council at an early meeting of the draft NSC directive on the subject prepared by the Planning Board and transmitted by the reference memo of April 24.

4. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA WITH REGARD TO SOVIET JAMMING  
(Progress Report dated April 13, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on Pilot Operation of Paragraph 3-b of NSC 66/1)

Origin: The reference progress report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting. (See also related project in Section IV below.)

5. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SWITZERLAND  
(Progress Report dated April 22, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on NSC 119)

Origin: The reference progress report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

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III. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS  
(Memo for Planning Board, April 21, 1953; NSC 143; NSC Action No. 724; Memo for NSC, February 23, 1953)

Origin: In a memo to the Executive Secretary of NSC, February 14, 1953 (NSC 143) the President outlined a proposal for a "Volunteer Freedom Corps", and requested that it be scheduled for early study by the Council. The Council approved in principle the proposal and agreed that an ad hoc committee should study its feasibility and prepare a detailed plan for its effectuation for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 724).

Current Status: Memorandum from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on NSC 143 and its attached report on the subject prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 724 (reference memo of April 21) is scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 4.

2. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY  
(Memos for Senior NSC Staff of February 4 and March 12; Memos for NSC Planning Board, April 2 and May 1, 1953; Record of Meeting of NSC Planning Board, April 10, 1953; NSC Action No. 725)

Origin: The NSC, on February 25, 1953, after discussing recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament contained in the report on the subject (reference memo of February 4), referred the report to the Senior NSC Staff, directing it, with the assistance of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to report back to the Council on possible means of carrying out the recommendations (NSC Action No. 725).

Current Status: A revised interim report on the subject, prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Armaments and American Policy to reflect Planning Board discussion on April 8 and suggestions submitted since that discussion, is tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on May 6, 1953.

3. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST  
(NSC 129/1; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 17, 1953; Memos for NSC Planning Board, April 14, 24, and May 4, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board on April 10, 15 and 27, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on

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THE NEAR EAST (Cont'd)

several urgent and immediate policy questions including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting final review by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 6 of the draft report on the subject as agreed by the Planning Board at its April 27 meeting (reference memo of May 4).

4. REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES  
(NSC 149/2, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, 141; Memo for NSC, February 6, 1953; NSC Action No. 776-b)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 in connection with its action on NSC 149/1 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for Council consideration a revised report on basic national security policies, based on Part I of NSC 149/1 as amended and adopted (subsequently issued as NSC 149/2), and covering all national security programs, to supersede NSC 20/4, 68/2 and 135/3 (NSC Action No. 776-b).

Current Status: Tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 8 and 15. (See also related project listed as No. 4 in Section IV below.)

5. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM  
(NSC 97, 97/2; Record of Meeting of NSC Planning Board, April 10, 1953; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff, August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff, July 24 and December 22, 1952, March 5 and 10, and April 30, 1953; Memos for NSC Planning Board, April 6 and 10; Memo for NSC, subject, "Suspension of Exploration Program, Naval Reserve No. 4 (Alaska)", April 8, 1953; Memo for NSC, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592; Record of Meeting of Senior Staff, January 27, 1953, and Meeting of Planning Board, April 10, 1953)

Origin: Interim recommendations on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in response to a letter from the Secretary of Defense (NSC 97) were approved by the President upon the recommendation of the NSC as NSC 97/2.

Current Status: A revised draft report on the subject (reference memo of April 30), prepared by the Board Assistants on the basis of an ODM draft reflecting Planning Board discussion on April 10, is tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on May 11.

6. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA

(Memos for Senior NSC Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; NIE-69 and supplement)

Origin: Draft statement of policy and staff study prepared by State were transmitted by reference memo of March 4 for consideration by the Senior Staff.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board of the revised statement of policy and financial appendix of March 16 prepared by Staff Assistants. Tentatively scheduled for May 11.

7. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA IN THE EVENT OF A KOREAN ARMISTICE

(NSC Action No. 777-d)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the NSC Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by State of a draft report on this subject. Tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 13.

8. U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC

(NSC Action No. 738; NSC 104/2, 91/1, 122/1; Memos for NSC Planning Board, March 30 and April 24, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, April 24, 1953; Progress Report, dated January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2)

Origin: The Council on March 18, 1953 directed the NSC Planning Board, with the participation of the Department of Commerce, to review the existing policy on this subject (NSC 104/2) and submit appropriate recommendations for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 738).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by the Acting Chairman, Economic Defense Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and the NSC Staff, of a draft statement of the policy issues. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on May 15.

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9. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY)  
(NSC 58/2; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Record of Senior NSC Staff Meeting on January 29, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting revision by the State Department of the draft report on the subject dated March 3, in the light of the Planning Board discussion on April 24. Tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 18.

10. JAPANESE PEACE TREATY ISLANDS  
(Para. 3, NSC 125/4)

Origin: The Planning Board requested the Departments of State and Defense to state their respective positions by May 15 on the question of whether the U.S. should maintain the status quo in the entire group of islands mentioned in Article 3 of the Peace Treaty, or whether it should return certain of these islands to Japan.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board on the basis of reports by the Departments of State and Defense. (See also related project listed as No. 2 in Section II-B above.)

11. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING GERMANY  
(NSC Action No. 777-d)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a report by State due May 29.

12. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA  
(NSC 144/1; Annex to NSC 144)

Origin: NSC 144/1, approved by the President on March 18, stated (para. 3) that its limited purpose was to define our objectives and courses of action concerning

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH  
RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

important problems common to the area; policies toward specific country situations, such as those in Argentina and Guatemala, were left for subsequent papers.

Current Status: Awaiting reports on specific country situations in Latin America from State (including especially Panama, Argentina, Guatemala, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil).

13. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA  
(NSC 98/1; Record of Senior Staff meeting on January 29, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

14. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA  
(NSC 18/2; NSC 18/6)

Origin: The Senior Staff on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

15. NSC 26 SERIES  
(Progress Report, March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 26 Series; NSC Action No. 753)

Origin: The Council on March 25 noted the reference progress report on the subject and that the Department of State is preparing a proposed revision of this policy for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 753).

Current Status: Awaiting report by State.

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

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC September 6, 1950; Records of Senior Staff meetings on September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951; Memo for Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members, January 14, 1953)

Origin: JCS memo (NSC 79) was circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff. The Senior Staff on September 6, 1950, designated an ad hoc group to draft a report on (1) war objectives in the event of global war and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites.

Current Status: Awaiting report on the first of the above questions by an ad hoc committee (designated by State, Defense, JCS and CIA) based on its study of a preliminary draft report prepared by the Policy Planning Staff of State (reference memo of January 14).

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY  
(NSC Action Nos. 612 and 710; NSC 137, 137/1, 66/1; Memo for NSC, March 26, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", February 5, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America with Regard to Soviet Jamming", January 2, February 26 and 29, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on our Essential Communications Systems and Organizations", January 26, 1951)

Origin: 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.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Telecommunications Adviser to the President, pursuant to NSC Action No. 710, and consideration by the Council of these reports together with the report of the President's Committee on International Information Activities transmitted by the reference memo of March 26.

2. A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES  
(NSC 140; Memo for NSC, October 21, 1952; Memos for NSC June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951, and November 21, 25, 26, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", November 25, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543, 687, and 699; SE-14)

Origin: The Council on November 26, 1952 (NSC Action No. 687-a) received a summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States (reference memos of October 21 and November 25) prepared pursuant to NSC directive (reference memo of August 30, 1951). A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b, to provide the basis for a more adequate evaluation was concurred in by the Council, approved by the President on January 19, and issued as NSC 140.



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A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting (a) summary evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the U.S. to be submitted by the Special Evaluation Sub-Committee by May 15, pursuant to NSC 140, and (b) further consideration by the Council of the recommendation of the DCI contained in paragraph 5-c of the memo of the DCI transmitted by memo on October 21, as amended (see NSC Action No. 687-c).

3. ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE

(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131, 131/1; Memo for NSC, June 9, 1952)

Origin: On May 16, 1952, the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator requested that a policy memorandum on the subject, which the FCDA was proposing to issue for the guidance of state and local civil defense forces, be referred to the NSC for such comments or action as was deemed appropriate (circulated as NSC 131).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting on June 18, 1952.

4. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THEIR COSTS

(NSC 149, 149/1, 149/2, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, Annex to NSC 135/1, NSC 141, 142, 145; Memo for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies", February 6, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 776 and 768)

Origin: The Council at its meetings on April 22 and 28 amended and adopted NSC 149/1 subject to certain understandings (NSC Action Nos. 776 and 768). NSC 149/1, as amended and adopted was approved by the President on April 29 and issued as 149/2. The Council adopted the reductions in the atomic energy program proposed in Part II of NSC 149/1, with the understanding that: (1) the Atomic Energy Commission will review the possibility of further reductions as a result of the elimination of the large ship reactor program and the aircraft nuclear propulsion program, pursuant to Action 768-e; (2) the Secretary of Defense will urgently review the military requirements for atomic weapons in the light of the revisions in the military program; and (3) the Atomic

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BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RE-  
LATION TO THEIR COSTS (Cont'd)

Energy Commission will recommend revisions in its expansion program in the light of any changes in military requirements resulting from (2) above (NSC Action No. 768-f).

Current Status: Awaiting reports from the Secretary of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to NSC Action No. 768-f.

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V. CANCELED PROJECTS1. CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR

(Record of Planning Board Meetings, April 8 and 22, 1953; "Check-list" on the subject, dated April 22, 1953; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, "Armaments and American Policy", February 4, 1953; Record of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, September 6, 1950, February 23, May 24, and July 10, 1951, and January 27, 29, 1953; NSC 79, 112; NSC Action Nos. 725, 777-d, 778; Memo for NSC, "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", September 6, 1950)

Origin: On September 6, 1950, the Senior Staff discussed NSC 79 and designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include (1) a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, as recommended by the JCS, and (2) 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 statellites. On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project 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.

Current Status: Canceled in view of the initiation by the Council of projects on Armaments and American Policy, Germany and Communist China in the Event of a Korean Armistice (See projects listed as Nos. 2, 7 and 11 in Section III above) and the Council's action on an Austrian Treaty (See Section I above).

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