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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(September 21, 1953 - September 28, 1953)

1. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U. S. SECURITY
Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 914
2. COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 916

II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 164th MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1953

(Agenda dated September 25, 1953)

1. 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.

2. UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY

Ref: Council - NSC 160/1; NSC Action No. 881

Origin: At its meeting on August 13 the Council adopted the statement of policy contained in NSC 160 subject to certain amendments and agreed that the policy as adopted (issued as NSC 160/1) should be reviewed not later than the first Council meeting in October, including a review of the Financial Appendix (NSC Action No. 881-g).

Current Status: The statement of policy on the subject contained in NSC 160/1 and a new financial appendix being prepared by the Departments of State and Defense, and the Foreign Operations Administration are scheduled for review pursuant to NSC Action No. 881-g.

3. UNITED STATES POLICY AND COURSES OF ACTION TO COUNTER POSSIBLE SOVIET OR SATELLITE ACTION AGAINST BERLIN

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated September 10, 1953 by the Secretary of State on NSC 132/1.

Origin: The reference Progress Report by the Secretary of State on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: Scheduled to be noted.

4. REPORTED DECLINE IN U. S. PRESTIGE ABROAD

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 867; Memo, September 24, 1953.

Origin: The Council on July 30 directed the PSB to prepare for Council consideration before mid-September a study of the reported decline in U. S. prestige abroad with particular reference to certain specified questions (NSC Action No. 867).

Current Status: The recommendations contained in pages 6-10 of the report by the Operations Coordinating Board transmitted by the reference memorandum of September 24 are scheduled for consideration.

B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST

Ref: Council - NSC 148 and 48/5; NSC Action Nos. 758 and 777-d (2); Memo, 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; Memo, April 30, 1953; NIE-47

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: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 148.

2. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA

Ref: Council - NSC 146, 128 and 48/5; Annex to NSC 146; NSC Action Nos. 760 and 624; Memos, April 6 and 7, 1953; NIE-27/1; SE-29

Origin: The Council on April 2, 1952, 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 views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128 (NSC Action No. 624-b).

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

3. COAST GUARD OPERATIONS, INCLUDING PORT SECURITY

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 830; Memo, September 11, 1953; Memos, June 23 and July 31, 1953, subject, "Port Security"; Memo, August 31, 1953, subject, "Coast Guard Operations Affecting National Security"; Progress Report dated March 3, 1952 by the Treasury Department and the Department of the Navy on the NSC 78 series; NSC 159

Origin: The Council on July 2 referred the letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury on the subject (reference memo of June 23) to the Continental Defense Committee of

COAST GUARD OPERATIONS, INCLUDING PORT SECURITY (Cont'd)

the Planning Board for consideration in connection with other continental defense problems, with particular reference to the possibility of the Department of Defense taking responsibility for certain U. S. ports where U. S. military vessels are concentrated. The Council also noted that the Secretary of the Treasury is undertaking a review of Coast Guard Operations, in connection with which he will submit to the Council recommendations regarding matters involving interdepartmental operations (NSC Action No. 830).

Current Status: The recommendations of the NSC Planning Board on the subject contained in the reference memorandum of September 11 will be scheduled for consideration on the agenda of an early Council meeting. (At the request of Treasury and Budget, Council action has been temporarily deferred.)

4. NSC 26 SERIES

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated August 7, 1953
by the Acting Secretary of State

Origin: The reference Progress Report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of a Council meeting at the time that a revision of NSC 26, currently in preparation (see Section III below), is considered by the Council.

III. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 853, 868 and 886; Memo, subject, "Project Solarium," July 22, 1953
Plan. Bd. - Memos, September 18 and 25, 1953; Record of Meetings, July 30, August 20 and 27 and September 22, 1953

Origin: The Council on July 30 discussed the three alternative national security policies presented by the Solarium Task Forces on the basis of the reference memorandum of July 22 and a new basic concept proposed by the Solarium Working Committee and circulated at the meeting, and directed the NSC Planning Board, with the assistance of representatives of the Solarium Task Forces: (1) to draft for Council consideration a new basic national security policy with courses of action, in the light of the above discussion and (2) pending the completion of (1) above, to recommend for Council consideration any details of action proposed by the Solarium Task Forces which should be implemented at once, including proposed specific actions with respect to particular Communist-controlled nations (NSC Action No. 868-a and -b; see also NSC Action No. 886-b).

Current Status: The September 18 draft report on the subject and the following material transmitted by the reference memo of September 25 are scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on September 28, 29 and 30: (a) the draft "Policy Conclusions" prepared by the State Member of the Planning Board and (b) the draft revisions of portions of "General Considerations" and "conclusions" of the September 18 draft, prepared by Treasury, Budget and the Council of Economic Advisers representatives.

2. SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated June 8, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 29; NSC Action Nos. 837 and 844
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, August 26 and 31, and September 9, 1953; Memos, August 25, September 8 and 28, 1953

Origin: The Council on July 2 referred the reference Progress Report to the Planning Board for review and report (NSC Action No. 837).

Current Status: A revision of the draft report of September 8, prepared by State, is being transmitted by the reference memo of September 28 and is scheduled for consideration September 30.

3. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA AND TOWARD KOREA
Ref: Council - NSC 154/1, paragraph 19; NSC Action
Nos. 777-d (2) and 833

Origin: Paragraph 19 of NSC 154/1, approved by the President on July 3, directs that, in the light of the post-armistice situation, a fundamental review and reassessment of our basic policy toward Communist China, as well as our position with respect to Korea, should be undertaken.

Current Status: U. S. policy on failure of the Korean political conference and a review of U. S. policy toward Communist China is tentatively scheduled for discussion on October 1 and 8 in the light of NSC 146, 148 (see section II-B above) and 154/1.

4. ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ref: Council - NSC 137 and 137/1; Memos, June 2 and 30, July 3 and 14, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 812 and 840
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, July 1, 1953

Origin: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "The Effect of Radio as a Medium for the Voice of America on Military Operations and Upon Military and Civil Telecommunications" 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: (1) further consideration by the Planning Board of recommendations 3, 5 and 6 in its memorandum of June 2 pursuant to NSC Action No. 812-d after appointment of a Telecommunications Adviser to ODM, and (2) a Progress Report from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, on the implementation of paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Council action transmitted by the reference memorandum of July 14 (due October 1, 1953) and on paragraph 3 (due January 1, 1954). Tentatively scheduled for October 5.

5. U. S. POLICY WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRIA

Ref: Council - Paragraph 7 of Progress Report dated July 23, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 38/4, 38/6 and 63/1; NSC Action No. 885
Plan. Bd. - Memo, September 21, 1953; Record of Meeting, September 24, 1953

Origin: The reference Progress Report stated (paragraph 7) that the Department of State considers that a new NSC paper on Austria should be initiated in view of changes in the Austrian situation and the full or near completion of certain actions covered in existing NSC papers on Austria. Accordingly, a new paper would soon be submitted to the Council

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Current Status: Awaiting: (a) preparation by the Board Assistants of a revision of the report from State transmitted by the reference memo of September 21 in the light of the discussion at the meeting of the Planning Board on September 24; and (b) reexamination by Defense of the question of whether existing policy allows sufficient authority for immediate additional planning in connection with Austrian forces and submission of recommendations, if required, before completion of the draft report referred to in (a) above. Tentatively scheduled for October 5.

6. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Ref: Council - NSC 136/1; NSC Action No. 891
Plan. Bd. - Memo, August 3, 1953; Record of Meetings, July 30, August 6 and August 24, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board on July 30 discussed U. S. policy toward Iran in the light of recent developments and estimates of the situation and agreed to consider at an early meeting the desirability of a basic review and revision of U. S. policy toward Iran.

Current Status: Further consideration by the Planning Board is tentatively scheduled for October 12.

7. U. S. OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO INDONESIA

Ref: Council - NSC 124/2; NSC Action Nos. 872 and 903; Memo, September 3, 1953 enclosing a Progress Report, dated August 27, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Acting Secretary of Defense on the subject; SE-51
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, August 10 and 20, 1953

Origin: The Council on August 6 directed the NSC Planning Board to study and prepare recommendations with respect to the developments in Indonesia (NSC Action No. 872-b).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by State of a draft report for Planning Board consideration. Tentatively scheduled for October 14. (see also related project below.)

8. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

Ref: Council - NSC 124/2; Progress Report dated August 5, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State and the Acting Secretary of Defense on NSC 124/2; NSC Action No. 904

Origin: The Council on September 9 noted the reference Progress Report on the subject by the Acting Secretary of State and the Acting Secretary of Defense, and referred it to the

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Planning Board for consideration of the changes in policies proposed therein (NSC Action No. 904).

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board. Tentatively scheduled for October 14. (See also related project above.)

9. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITES IN EASTERN EUROPE

Ref: Council - NSC 58/2; NIE-87
Plan. Bd. - Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Memos, May 18, July 28 and August 17, 1953; Record of Senior Staff Meeting, January 29, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, April 24, May 20 and August 24, 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 a revision by State of the draft statement of policy of August 17 in the light of the Planning Board discussion on August 24. Tentatively scheduled for October 15.

10. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA

Ref: Council - NSC 98/1
Plan. Bd. - Memos, June 9 and August 13, 1953; Record of Senior Staff meeting, January 29, 1953; Record of Planning Board meetings, June 22 and August 19, 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 revision by State of the draft statement of policy on the subject dated August 13 on the basis of the Planning Board's discussion on August 19 and completion by State of a staff study responsive to the questions of the Board members. Tentatively scheduled for October 19.

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Ref: Plan. Bd. - Memos for Senior Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; Memo, August 18, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, May 11 and August 20, 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 draft statement of policy of August 18. Tentatively scheduled for October 19.

12. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 151; NSC Action Nos. 725, 799, 869, 895 and 912; Memo, July 28, 1953
Plan. Bd. - Memo for Senior NSC Staff, February 4, 1953; Record of Meeting, May 6, 1953

Origin: The NSC, on February 25, 1953, after discussing recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament contained in their 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: Awaiting: (a) further report by PSB pursuant to NSC Action No. 869-b on progress made in the development and implementation of the program for informing the American people, and (b) preparation of a report by the Ad Hoc Committee with respect to recommendations 2 - 5 of the Department of State Panel of Consultants. Tentatively scheduled for October 21.

13. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD FINLAND

Ref: Council - NSC 121; Progress Report dated August 25, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 121; NSC Action No. 905

Origin: The Council on September 9 noted the reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State on the subject and agreed that the FOA should prepare, for Planning Board consideration, proposed changes in U. S. policy toward Finland, as contained in NSC 121, designed to lessen Finland's economic dependence on the Soviet bloc (NSC Action No. 905).

Current Status: Awaiting proposed changes by FOA in U. S. policy toward Finland. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration October 21.

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14. NSC 26 SERIES

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 753; Progress Report dated March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 26 Series; Progress Report dated August 7, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on the NSC 26 Series

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 revision by State of NSC 26 in the light of the reference progress report of August 7 (see also section II-B above). Tentatively scheduled for October 22.

15. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITALY

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated May 20, 1953, by the Acting Secretary of State on NSC 67/3

Origin: The reference Progress Report on the subject advised that the Department of State considers that NSC 67/3 has, in some respects, been overtaken by events, and that a new draft is under preparation for submission for the consideration of the Council, which will reflect conclusions drawn from the outcome of the Italian national elections held on June 7, 1953.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State. Tentatively scheduled for October 26.

16. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA

Ref: Council - NSC 18/2 and 18/6
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting of Senior Staff, January 29, 1953

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. Tentatively scheduled for October 26.

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17. U. S. POLICY TOWARDS TRIESTE

Origin: Mr. Cutler on September 14 called the Planning Board's attention to the new project being initiated on this subject.

Current Status: Awaiting a report from State. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on October 26. (See also related projects just above.)

18. INTERNAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF CONTINENTAL DEFENSE

Ref: Council - NSC 159/1 and 159/4; NSC Action No. 915-c and -e

Origin: NSC 159/4, approved by the President on September 25, provides: (a) (para. 20-b (3)), that action on Recommendation 8 of NSC 159/1, should be deferred pending report to the Council on the results of a 30-day check of actual entry of unaccompanied Soviet bloc diplomatic baggage and shipments; (b) (para. 20-b (4)), that pending the results of this check, Recommendation 9 of 159/1 should be confined to accompanied baggage and effects; (c) (para. 20-e)), that the elements in the program of countermeasures relating to more effective prevention of illegal arrivals of persons and more effective control of smuggling require further consideration by the Planning Board before action is recommended to the Council.

Current Status: Awaiting: (a) report from Treasury and Justice on the results of the 30-day check referred to above (tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration October 28), (b) further consideration by the Planning Board of the recommendations referred to in (c) above. (See also related projects in section IV below.)

19. REVIEW OF UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS THE USSR IN THE EVENT OF WAR

Ref: Council - NSC 153/1 and 20/4; NSC Action No. 811 Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, May 29, June 29, July 6 and 13, 1953; JCS Draft "U. S. Objectives in the Event of General War," dated June 26, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board on May 29 agreed that the verbatim inclusion in NSC 153 for Council consideration of the paragraphs of NSC 20/4 relating to United States objectives vis-a-vis the USSR in the event of war (paras. 22 and 23 - see Annex in NSC 153/1), should be regarded as a temporary response to NSC 79 pending Planning Board review of these paragraphs.

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THE EVENT OF WAR (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting consolidation by the Board Assistants of the various drafts before the Planning Board on the basis of Mr. Cutler's draft of July 7.

20. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT
TO LATIN AMERICA

Ref: Council - 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 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 a draft report from State based upon its review of United States policy towards Latin America, including United States policy towards specific countries in Latin America.

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS1. REPORT BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFFRef: Council - NSC Action Nos. 889 and 898

Origin: At its meeting on August 27 the Council noted an oral report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, prepared at the direction of the President prior to their taking office and agreed to recommend to the President that the Secretary of State be authorized to explore the possibility of adopting the concept set forth in this report.

Current Status: Awaiting a report by the Secretary of State. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration October 7.

2. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES DATED JUNE 30, 1953 (EXCEPT CHAPTER 7)Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 836-d and 866; Memo, July 20, 1953; Memo for All Holders of July 20 Memo, dated July 24, 1953; E.O. 10483
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, August 6, 1953

Origin: The Council on July 30 adopted the recommendations by the NSC Planning Board with respect to the subject report (except Chapter 7) contained in Paragraph 2 of the reference memo of July 20. Paragraphs 2-c, d and e were subsequently referred to PSB for implementation.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the PSB due October 1 on progress made in implementing the recommendations of the subject report referred to in paragraph 2-c of the reference memo of July 20 (as revised by the reference memo for July 24) and a proposed statement of policy on information activities. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration October 22.

3. NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAMRef: Council - NSC 97/5

Origin: Paragraphs 10 and 11-a of NSC 97/5 call respectively for a review by the Secretary of Defense not later than September 1 of the military requirements for aviation gasoline and a review by the Council not later than December 31 of the goal of a tanker reserve of 175 T-2 equivalents.

Current Status: Awaiting progress reports on NSC 97/5 by ODM on October 1 and January 1 in the light of the above mentioned reviews. Tentatively scheduled for Council action October 22.

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4. U. S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS

Ref: Council - NSC 112 and 112/1; Progress Report dated January 19, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 112; Memos, "Formulation of a United States Position with Respect to Regulation, Limitation and Balanced Reduction of Armed Forces and Armaments", February 17 and June 3, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 717-b, 899 and 909.

Origin: At its meeting on September 9, 1953, the Council adopted the recommendations contained in paragraph 7-b and 8 of NSC 112/1 and agreed to recommend to the President that the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission be appointed a special committee to review, as a matter of urgency, the current policy contained in NSC 112, with particular reference to the international control of atomic energy, and to report back to the Council their findings and recommendations. (NSC Action No. 899)

Current Status: Awaiting report by the special committee. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on October 29.

5. UNITED STATES EXPORT LICENSING POLICY TOWARD HONG KONG AND MACAO

Ref: Council - NSC 152/2 and 122/1; NSC Action No. 864-b

Origin: The Council on July 30 directed the Economic Defense Advisory Committee to review NSC 122/1 on the subject in the light of NSC 152/2, and to submit recommendations for any revision in NSC 122/1 required to make it conform to NSC 152/2 (NSC Action No. 864-b).

Current Status: Awaiting results of review of NSC 122/1 by EDAC. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration October 29.

6. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS, REMAINING UNDER U. S. JURISDICTION

Ref: Council - Memo, August 7, 1953; Memo, subject, "The Japanese Treaty Islands", June 15 and August 7, 1953; NSC 125/5, para. 4

Origin: The Council on June 25 in connection with its action on "The Japanese Treaty Islands" (see NSC Action No. 824, para. 4 of NSC 125/6 and reference memo of August 7) agreed that the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Department of State, the Bureau of the Budget, and other

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U. S. JURISDICTION (Cont'd)

interested agencies, should recommend for Council consideration a policy on the civil administration of those Ryuku Islands remaining under U. S. jurisdiction, which would reduce U. S. responsibility for such civil administration as rapidly as compatible with U. S. military requirements.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Secretary of Defense. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration November 5.

7. ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL
SECURITY AND CERTAIN CONTINENTAL DEFENSE FUNCTIONS

Ref: Council - NSC 159 and 159/4, para. 14; NSC Action No. 873-d.

Origin: The Council on August 6, 1953 (NSC Action No. 873-d) noted that the President requested Mr. Flemming to establish a special task force to study and make recommendations on improving the organization of government with respect to internal security functions and with respect to the continental defense functions covered in Part VI of NSC 159.

Current Status: Awaiting recommendations from Mr. Flemming. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration November 5. (See also related projects below and in Section III above.)

8. REVIEW OF EXISTING INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 910-b

Origin: The Council on September 17 agreed that the Department of Justice, with the assistance of the IIC and the ICIS, should review existing internal security laws in their entirety with a view to submitting for Council consideration constructive proposals regarding possible legislation which might be introduced at the next session of Congress (NSC Action No. 910-b).

Current Status: Awaiting report by Justice. Tentatively scheduled for November 12.

9. CONTINENTAL DEFENSE

Ref: Council - NSC 159/3; 159/4; NSC Action No. 915

Origin: The President on September 25, 1953 approved NSC 159/4 as a guide to the respective departments and agencies in implementing their programs during FY 1954 and in developing their programs for future years, subject to (1) Before November 15, a more precise definition by the Department of Defense of certain programs and their phasing, and the

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identification of the portion of Defense Department effort and costs related to such defined programs; and (2) Before December 1, determination by the Council of the manner of financing the recommended integrated programs for continental defense in FY 1954 and future years, in proper relation to the over-all budget and taking into account FY 1955 budget submission by the departments and agencies; and noted that the Director of Central Intelligence will submit recommendations to the Council regarding the implementation of paragraph 11 of NSC 159/3 on "Improved Intelligence" at the time that the Council considers the report by the Department of Defense submitted pursuant to (1) above.

Current Status: Awaiting: (a) Report before November 15 from the Department of Defense pursuant to (1) above, (b) recommendations from the Director of Central Intelligence regarding the implementation of paragraph 11 of NSC 159/3 and (c) a determination by the Council before December 1 pursuant to (2) above. (See also related projects above and in Section III.)

10. NEAR EAST OIL SITUATION

Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 875 and 891
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, August 19 and 24

Origin: The Council on August 6 noted the President's request that the Attorney General, with the assistance of other appropriate departments and agencies, seek to develop a solution which would protect the interests of the free world in the Near East as a vital source of petroleum supplies (NSC Action No. 875-b).

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Attorney General. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration January 1, 1954.

11. EFFECT ON NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA OF POSSIBLE ANTI-TRUST PROCEEDINGS

Ref: Council - Memo, June 1, 1953; NSC Action No. 805

Origin: A report by the NSC Planning Board on the subject (reference memo of June 1) was considered by the Council on June 4, 1953 and it was agreed that in view of the adverse effects and national security interests in Latin America of the proposed anti-trust proceedings: (a) The proposed anti-trust proceedings should be postponed, without

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prejudice to the Government for one year, and (b) The Attorney General should be directed to negotiate with the company, as a matter of urgency, for the elimination of practices deemed to be inconsistent with U. S. anti-trust laws, reporting back to the NSC on the results of the negotiations (NSC Action No. 805).

Current Status: Awaiting report by Attorney General.
Tentatively scheduled for June 1954.

12. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA

Ref: Council - NSC 147; NSC Action Nos. 759, 777-e, 782, 787 and 794; Memo, "Future Courses of Action in Connection with the Situation in Korea", March 30, 1953; NIE-80; SE-41

Origin: A 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.

Current Status: A political annex setting forth the foreign policy implications of the course of action selected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been prepared by State pursuant to NSC Action No. 794-b. Further consideration of the subject by the Council has been deferred in view of the Korean Armistice.

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