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Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 950, 957 and 961
2. U. S. ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY TOWARD HONG KONG AND MACAO
Ref: Council - Memos, October 19 and November 4, 1953;
NSC 152/2, 152/3 and 122/1; NSC Action No. 951
3. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA
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NSC Action No. 952
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RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
Ref: Council - NSC 146/1 and 146/2; Memos, November 3
and 4, 1953; NSC Action No. 953

(See also same subject in Section IV below.)

5. U. S. COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA IN THE ABSENCE OF AN
ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT
Ref: Council - NSC 167/1 and 167/2; NSC Action Nos. 949,
954 and 970
6. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM
Ref: Council - NSC 97/5 and 97/6; Progress Report, dated
October 1, 1953 by the Director of ODM; Memo,
October 28, 1953; NSC Action No. 956
7. NSC 26 SERIES
Ref: Council - Progress Report, dated August 7, 1953 by
the Acting Secretary of State on the NSC 26 Series;
NSC Action No. 958

(See also same subject in Section III below.)

8. FORTHCOMING BERMUDA CONFERENCE
Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 960

(See also same subject in Section II below.)

9. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH
RESPECT TO INDONESIA
Ref: Council - NSC 171 and 171/1; NSC Action No. 962;
Memos, November 13 and 18, 1953

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10. INTERIM DEFENSE MOBILIZATION PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS
Ref: Council - NSC 172 and 172/1; NSC Action No. 963

(See also same subject in Section II below.)
11. U. S. OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
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1953; NSC Action Nos. 830-p and 967
13. PREVENTION OF UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED
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Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 969

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II. PROJECTS AWAITING CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

1. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U. S. SECURITY

The subject is scheduled for discussion on December 3, in the light of an oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. BERMUDA CONFERENCE

An oral report by the Secretary of State on probable developments at the forthcoming Bermuda Conference is scheduled to be noted at the Council meeting on December 3.

3. REAPPRAISAL OF THE MILITARY EFFECT OF A RELAXATION OF CONTROLS ON TRADE WITH THE SOVIET BLOC IN STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS

Ref: Council - NSC 152/3; NSC Action No. 962-b

Origin: At its meeting on November 19, 1953 in connection with its action on NSC 171 ("Indonesia"), the Council requested the Department of Defense to make, before January 1, 1954, for Council consideration, a reappraisal of the military effect of a relaxation of control on trade with the Soviet bloc in strategic raw materials where such trade might result in a net advantage to the free world through increased political and economic stability (NSC Action No. 962-b).

Current Status: The above Council action is scheduled for reconsideration at the Council meeting on December 3 on the basis of oral remarks by Mr. Cutler.

4. DISCLOSURE OF ATOMIC INFORMATION TO ALLIED COUNTRIES

Ref: Council - NSC 151 and 151/1; NSC Action Nos. 725, 799, 869, 895 and 912; Memo, subject, "Armaments and American Policy", July 28, 1953
Plan. Bd. - Memo for Senior NSC Staff on "Armaments and American Policy", February 4, 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 "Armaments and American Policy" (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).

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Current Status: The draft statement of policy on the subject contained in NSC 151/1 is scheduled for consideration on December 3, 1953

5. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA

Ref: Council - NSC 147 and NSC 170/1; NSC Action Nos. 759, 777-e, 782, 787, 794 and 949; 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: Oral reports by the Secretary of State and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff on the results of the review by the Department of State and the JCS pursuant to NSC Action No. 949-d of the military and diplomatic measures provided in NSC Action No. 794 are scheduled for consideration on December 3, 1953.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 173; Progress Report dated September 10, 1953 by the Secretary of State on NSC 132/1; NSC Action No. 920
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, October 22, 1953; Memo, November 27, 1953

Origin: The Council at its meeting on October 1, 1953 noted the reference Progress Report and directed the NSC Planning Board to review the policy on the subject in NSC 132/1 in the light of the discussion at the meeting (NSC Action No. 920).

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Council of the draft statement of policy on the subject contained in NSC 173. Tentatively scheduled for December 10, 1953.

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

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated November 20, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 144/1; NSC 144/1

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

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RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting Council consideration. (See also related project in Section III below.)

8. INTERIM DEFENSE MOBILIZATION PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

Ref: Council - NSC 172/1; NSC Action No. 963

Origin: At its meeting on November 19, the Council amended and adopted, subject to review by the Council early in 1954, the report contained in NSC 172, as interim defense mobilization planning assumptions (NSC Action No. 963). The report as amended and approved by the President was circulated as NSC 172/1.

Current Status: Awaiting review of the interim defense mobilization assumptions contained in NSC 172/1 by the Council early in 1954.

III. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC PLANNING BOARD

1. U. S. POLICY TOWARD IRAN

Ref: Council - NSC 136/1; NSC Action No. 891; NIE-102
Plan. Bd. - Memos, August 3 and November 25, 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: A draft statement of policy prepared by State as a revision of NSC 136/1 (reference memo of November 25) is scheduled for Planning Board consideration on December 2 and 8, 1953.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 67/3; Progress Report dated May 20, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on NSC 67/3
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, October 29, 1953

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. The subject is scheduled for discussion on December 2.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 18/2 and 18/6
Plan. Bd. - Memo, December 1, 1953; Record of Meeting of Senior Staff, January 29, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, October 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 consideration of the draft report prepared by State and transmitted by the reference memo of December 1. The subject is scheduled for discussion on December 2.

4. U. S. POLICY TOWARD TRIESTE

Ref: Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, October 29, 1953

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. The subject is scheduled for discussion December 2. (See also related projects just above.)

5. 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

Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, October 26, November 2, 9, 19, 23 and 25; Memos, October 30, November 6, 16 and 20, 1953

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

Current Status: Scheduled for further Planning Board consideration on December 3 and 14.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 58/2 and NSC 162/2; NSC 158; NIE-87; NIE-90

Plan. Bd. - Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Memos, May 18, July 28, August 17 and November 25, 1953; Record of Senior Staff Meeting, January 29, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, April 24, May 20, August 24 and November 30, 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: A draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Board Assistants in the light of discussions by the Planning Board and in the light of NSC 162/2 was transmitted by the reference memo of November 25 and is tentatively scheduled for consideration on December 7.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 162/2 and 20/4; NSC Action Nos. 811 and 944-e
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: At its meeting on October 29, 1953, the Council (NSC Action No. 944-e) noted that the Planning Board would submit for Council consideration a revision of "U. S. Objectives Vis-A-Vis the USSR in the Event of War" as stated in the annex to NSC 162/2 in the light of the provisions of NSC 162/2.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the Board Assistants. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration December 7, 1953.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER

Ref: Council - Memo, October 20, 1953; NSC 162/1, paragraph 40-f; NSC 149/2, Paragraph 7
Plan. Bd. - Memo, October 20, 1953; Record of Meeting, October 28, 1953

Origin: A letter from the Secretary of Commerce on the subject was circulated to the Council for information by the reference memo of October 20 and referred to the Planning Board for study and for the preparation of recommendations for Council consideration.

Current Status: Awaiting a report on the subject by the special committee constituted at the Planning Board meeting on October 28, and consisting of officials designated by Defense, Commerce and AEC, assisted by Dr. Beckler as scientific adviser and Mr. Farley as executive secretary. Tentatively scheduled for December 10.

9. NSC 26 SERIES

Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 753 and 958; 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
Plan. Bd. - Memos, October 27 and November 3, 1953; Record of Meeting, November 5

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).

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Current Status: Awaiting a report by the Ad Hoc Committee consisting of representatives of State, Defense, JCS, CIA, and PAD which was constituted by the Planning Board on November 5 to re-examine the need for a U. S. policy on the subject. Tentatively scheduled for December 14.

10. INTERNAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF CONTINENTAL DEFENSE

Ref: Council - NSC 159/1 and 159/4; NSC Action Nos. 915-c and 966 and e; Memos, Continental Defense, November 9, 18 and 24, 1953

Origin: Revised paragraphs 20-e(1) and (2) of NSC 159/4 as approved by the President on November 24, 1953 (reference memo of November 24) state that the following elements of the continental defense program contained in NSC 159/4 require further consideration before action by the Council: (1) Additional protective measures at selected industrial and governmental facilities of a highly critical nature; (2) Additional selective counterintelligence coverage by the FBI of Soviet bloc diplomatic representatives in the United States whose activities are suspected to extend beyond the scope of their normal diplomatic assignments. The Council on November 23 also agreed (3) that a thorough study should be made as to the comparative advantage to the United States and the USSR which would result from an international agreement restricting the use of the diplomatic pouch solely to the transmittal of documents (NSC Action No. 966-h).

Current Status: Awaiting: (a) development by ODM of the program referred to in (1) above, with cost estimates; (b) development by Justice of the program referred to in (2) above, with cost estimates (tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on December 15); (c) preparation by a special committee of the Planning Board (consisting of representatives of State, Treasury, Defense, Justice and CIA) of a study pursuant to (3) above.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 144/1; Annex to NSC 144; Progress Report dated November 20, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 144/1

Origin: NSC 144/1, approved by the President on March 18, stated (para. 3) that its limited purpose was

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RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA (Cont'd)

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. (See also related projects in Section II above and just below.)

12. U. S. OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO
VENEZUELA

Ref: Council - NSC 144/1 and Annex to NSC 144; NIE-67 and NIE-70; Memo, subject, "The National Security Interest in Successful Trade Agreement Negotiations with Venezuela", February 29, 1952
Plan. Bd. - Memo, October 22, 1953

Origin: A draft statement of policy and staff study on the subject, prepared by State were transmitted for the consideration of the Planning Board by the reference memo of October 22.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board. (See also related project just above).

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
Plan. Bd. - Memo, November 12, 1953; State comments dated November 12, 1953 on FOA draft of November 12

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 preparation of a staff study on Finland by the Board Assistants as a basis for subsequent preparation of an agreed statement of policy on the subject by the Planning Board.

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14. 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.

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

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 on the draft statement of policy of August 18.

IV. PROJECTS ASSIGNED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

1. UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY

Ref: Council - NSC 160/1; NSC Action Nos. 881, 919 and 931
Plan, Bd. - Memo, November 17, 1953; Record of Meeting, November 30, 1953

Origin: At its meeting on October 1 the Council (a) reaffirmed the statement of policy on the subject in NSC 160/1, pending review by the Council in 30 days; and (b) requested the Director of FOA, in collaboration with State and Defense and the Bureau of the Budget, to prepare for Council information in 30 days a revised financial appendix on the subject.

Current Status: Awaiting revision by an interdepartmental working group of the Financial Appendix of November 17 (reference memo of that date) prior to submission to the Council and review by the Council of NSC 160/1 pursuant to NSC Action No. 919-a. Tentatively scheduled for December 10.

2. FY 1955 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Ref: Council - NSC 161, No. 11; NSC Action Nos. 930 and 945

Origin: The Council at its meeting on October 13: (a) discussed the subject on the basis of oral presentations by the Director, Bureau of the Budget, the Chairman, AEC, the Director, FOA, the Secretary of Defense and Assistant Secretary of Defense McNeil; and (b) requested the Secretary of Defense, the Director, FOA, and the Chairman, AEC, to submit to the Council at its meeting on October 29 interim reports of estimated FY 1955 expenditures for their respective programs, to the extent that they had then been reviewed and coordinated within each agency in the light of the Council's discussion (NSC Action No. 930).

Current Status: Awaiting final consideration of the subject at the Council meeting on December 15 based upon a report by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to NSC Action No. 945-a and further reports by the Director, FOA, and the Chairman, AEC. (See also related project just below.)

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3. CONTINENTAL DEFENSE

Ref: Council - NSC 159/3; 159/4; NSC Action Nos. 915 and 946

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) On December 15, a more precise definition by the Department of Defense of certain programs and their phasing, and the identification of the portion of Defense Department effort and costs related to such defined programs; and (2) Before December 15, 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 (Note: The dates in (1) and (2) above were changed from November 15 and December 1 respectively by NSC Action Nos. 946 and 966).

Current Status: Awaiting (a) a report on December 15 by the Department of Defense pursuant to (1) above in conjunction with its FY 1955 budget presentation (see project just above); (b) by December 15 a determination by the Council of the manner of financing the recommended integrated programs for continental defense pursuant to (2) above; and (c) an estimate by the JCS of a reasonable patrolling program for the seaward extension of the Southern Canadian early warning system, pursuant to NSC Action No. 966-f.

4. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Ref: Council - NSC 146/2; NSC Action No. 953

Origin: On November 5, 1953 the Council adopted the statement of policy contained in NSC 146/2 and agreed that subparagraph 12-a thereof would be subject to review in the light of recommendations by the Department of Defense regarding Chinese Nationalist force levels and the rate of military assistance to be provided the Chinese National Government beyond Fiscal Year 1954, (see footnote to paragraph 12-a).

Current Status: Awaiting recommendations from the Secretary of Defense. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration December 23.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 159 and 159/4, para. 14; NSC Action Nos. 873-d and 966-c.

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 December 31. (See also related projects above and in Section III).

6. U. S. CONTROLS ON TRANSACTIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA

Ref: Council - NSC 152/3; NSC Action No. 952-b; NSC 166/1

Origin: On November 5, in connection with its adoption of NSC 166/1, the Council agreed that the Economic Defense Advisory Committee should review, in the light of the discussion at that meeting, current policy in NSC 152/3 with respect to U. S. controls on transactions with Communist China, and report to the Council the results of such review.

Current Status: Awaiting a report by the Economic Defense Advisory Committee. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration January 7. See also related project in Section II above.

7. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

Ref: Council - NSC 97/6

Origin: Paragraph 11-a of NSC 97/6 calls for a review by the Council not later than December 31 of the goal of a tanker reserve of 175-T-2 equivalent laid-up tankers; and paragraph 16-c calls for a report by January 1, 1954 to the Council on progress with respect to the development of a program for construction by private industry of two pipelines for crude oil transportation in wartime.

Current Status: Awaiting (a) a review by the Council not later than December 31 pursuant to paragraph 11-a of NSC 97/6 and (b) a progress report by ODM by January 1 pursuant to paragraph 16-c of NSC 97/6. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration January 14.

8. ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS
Ref: Council - NSC 169; NSC Action Nos. 812, 840 and 934; Memo, July 14.

Origin: By the Council action of July 11 on the subject transmitted by the reference memo of July 14 the Director of ODM was designated as coordinating authority to prepare a Progress Report for submission to the Council or the Planning Board by January 1 as to the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the action with respect to the "Advancer" project (subsequently incorporated in NSC 169 as paragraph 3). By NSC Action No. 934 of October 22 the Director of ODM was directed to report to the Council, in connection with his January report such information as may then be available as a basis for decision on the subject of expanding or discontinuing U. S. high-frequency psychological broadcasting.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Director of ODM by January 1 pursuant to the above Council actions. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration January 14.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 125/6, paragraph 4; NSC Action No. 965; Memo, August 7, 1953; Memos, subject, "The Japanese Treaty Islands", June 15 and August 7, 1953
Plan. Bd. - Memo, October 26, 1953; Record of Meeting, October 28

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 interested agencies, should recommend for Council consideration a policy on the civil administration of those Ryukyu 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 further study pursuant to NSC Action No. 965 by the Secretaries of State and Defense and report back to the Council prior to the end of December.

10. REVIEW OF INTERNAL SECURITY LEGISLATION

Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 910-b and 968; Memo, November 20, 1953

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 a further report by the Attorney General pursuant to NSC Action No. 968-g concerning internal security legislation, including consideration of the desirability of legislation outlawing the Communist Party of the United States.

11. 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, 909 and 959

Origin: At its meeting on September 9, 1953, the Council adopted the recommendations contained in paragraphs 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 pursuant to NSC Action No. 959-a the results of the study by the Secretaries of State and Defense of the tentative proposals by the Chairman, AEC.

12. 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 for 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

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in Latin America of the proposed anti-trust proceedings:
(a) The proposed anti-trust proceedings should be postponed, without 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 the Attorney General. Tentatively scheduled for June 1954.

V. CANCELLED PROJECTS

1. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST

Ref: Council - NSC 148 and 170; NSC Action No. 964

Origin: A draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Planning Board, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 148.

Current Status: In view of the various reports on particular countries or areas within the Far East which the Council has recently approved, NSC 148 was withdrawn from Council consideration and cancelled (see note by the Executive Secretary in NSC 170).

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