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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STANDING GROUP MEETING

March 2, 1962

RECORD OF ACTIONS

Item 1 -- Dispersal of Nuclear Weapons

(Dr. Gerald W. Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, and Mr. Harry Rowan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Planning and NSC Affairs, were present for this item.)

- a. Discussed the joint State-Defense recommendation to the President covering the dispersal of additional nuclear weapons to non-U.S. forces in Europe.
- b. Noted the views of the AEC on the joint State-Defense recommendations.
- c. Agreed that in presenting the problem to the President for decision, AEC's views would be included.
- d. Agreed that the joint Atomic Energy Committee would be briefed on this problem following the President's decision.

Item 2 -- Syria

(Mr. Robert C. Strong, Director, Office of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State, attended for this item.)

- a. Discussed and agreed in general with the paper entitled "Efforts to Help Stabilize the New Syrian Government."
- b. Agreed that the State Department could proceed to consult with other friendly governments on the assumption that Syria would be made eligible for U. S. military sales assistance, if requested by Syria, and if found necessary.

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DOE review completed.

NSC review(s) completed.

Item 3 -- Angola

(Mr. J. Wayne Fredericks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, attended for this item.)

- a. Discussed and agreed in general with the Policy Directive entitled "Angola."
- b. Noted the importance of the forthcoming Azores Base negotiation, and discussed various means of insuring that negotiations are handled in such a way as to insure retention of the Azores Base.

cc: Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Mr. George McGhee
Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Roswell Gilpatrick
Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. John A. McCone
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Glen T. Seaborg
Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs,
Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Executive Secretary, National Security Council, Mr. Bromley Smith