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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(April 9, 1951-April 16, 1951)

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST
(NSC Action No. 456)

NSC 104/2 U. S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD
WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC
(NSC Action No. 457)

PROGRESS REPORT, DATED MARCH 15, 1951, BY THE UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE, ON "THE POSITION OF THE UNITED
STATES WITH RESPECT TO INDOCHINA" (NSC 64)
(NSC Action No. 458)

PROGRESS REPORT, DATED APRIL 3, 1951, BY THE UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE, ON "UNITED STATES POSITION RE-
GARDING STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE AND THE
NATURE OF GERMANY'S CONTRIBUTION THERETO" (NSC 82)
(NSC Action No. 459)

NSC 105 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE FRENCH
PRIME MINISTER

The President directed that the Department of State prepare for the information of the Council a statement of the results of the conversations early this year between the President and Prime Minister Plevin. Report by the Secretary of State (NSC 105) circulated for the information of the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of Defense Mobilization, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator. On April 10 the Senior Staff agreed that, without amendment, NSC 105 should become part of the Council record. Accordingly, in the absence of comments by any Council member on NSC 105, the President has authorized that it be made part of the Council record.

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 89TH NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, April 18, 1951

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

Scheduled for discussion as Item 1 in the light of an oral briefing by General Bradley on the military situation in Korea.

UNITED STATES POLICY ON DEFECTIONERS
(NSC 86/1; NSC 86; NSC Action No. 364)

At its 69th Meeting the Council referred NSC 86, without endorsement of the proposals contained therein, to the NSC Staff for the preparation of a report. The Senior Staff subsequently designated an ad hoc committee, including a representative from the Department of Justice, to prepare a draft report.

On the basis of initial studies by State and CIA, a report by the ad hoc committee, as amended by the Senior NSC Staff, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 86/1. The report includes a statement of the views of the Department of Justice. Scheduled for consideration as Item 2. The Attorney General has been invited to participate in Council consideration of this item.

INTERNAL SECURITY

(Progress Report, dated March 26, 1951, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security, on NSC 17/4 and NSC 17/6)

The reference Progress Report on the subject has been circulated for Council information and is scheduled as Item 3 for information. The Attorney General has been invited to participate in Council action on this item.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

B. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MEMORANDUM ACTION

PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND ALLIED FACILITIES

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 10, 1951)

Memo by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and its attached report by the ICIS on the subject, were submitted by the reference memo for consideration of the "Recommendations" therein by the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretaries of the Interior, Commerce, and Labor, the Director of Defense Mobilization, and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Approved by the Secretary of Labor, April 12; by the Secretary of Commerce, April 16. Awaiting action by all others concerned.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

C. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

NSC 26/5

Draft Statement of Policy and Staff Study on the subject, prepared by the Department of State with the advice and assistance of the Department of Defense and the CIA, was revised by the Staff Assistants and approved by the Senior Staff on April 12 for submission to the Council. To be scheduled on the agenda of a later Council meeting.

NSC 26/2 and NSC 26/4

(Progress Report, dated April 3, 1951, by the Under Secretary of State, on the subject)

The reference Progress Report has been circulated for Council information and will be scheduled on the agenda of a later Council meeting.

3. CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

A. SENIOR NSC STAFF

UTILIZATION OF MANPOWER OF OTHER NATIONS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "Proposed NSC Study of Manpower", dated December 4, 1950; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 19 and April 6, 1951)

Memorandum by the Senior State Member on the subject circulated by the reference memo of December 4. On December 12 the Senior Staff agreed to designate an ad hoc group under the chairmanship of a JCS official and with officials from State, NSRB, Mr. Harriman's Office, and CIA, to prepare a draft report.

Report by ad hoc committee circulated by the reference memo dated March 19, considered by the Senior Staff on March 22 and referred to the Staff Assistants for revision in the light of the discussion at the meeting and in collaboration with the Committee on Foreign Military Manpower.

Revised report by Staff Assistants and Committee on Foreign Military Manpower circulated for Senior Staff consideration by the reference memo of April 6. Scheduled on the agenda of the Senior Staff meeting for April 17. (See related project below.)

PROPOSED NSC STUDY OF USE OF FOREIGN MANPOWER FOR PRODUCTION

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 29, 1951)

Memorandum by the Acting Senior NSRB Member on the subject was transmitted by the reference memo of March 29. Scheduled on the agenda of the Senior Staff meeting for April 17. (See related project above.)

UNITED STATES NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND
POLICY IN ASIA

/PRIORITY PROJECT/

(NSC 101; NSC 101/1; NSC Action No. 420; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "The Position of the United States with Respect to Asia" (NSC 48/2), dated November 20, 1950; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "The Position of the United States with Respect to Communist China", dated November 22, 1950; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States Policy Toward Asia in General and Toward China in Particular", dated December 14, 1950; Checklist of possible U. S. actions, dated January 11;

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND POLICY IN ASIA (Cont'd)
(NIE-10; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "U. S. Action to Counter Chinese Communist Aggression", dated January 22, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 15, 1951; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States Action to Counter Chinese Communist Aggression", dated March 21 and April 10, 1951)

Memo by the Deputy Secretary of Defense on the subject, circulated for Council information by the reference memo dated November 20, and referred to the Secretary of State for consideration of the action proposed in the second paragraph thereof.

Recommendations by Senior State Member circulated by the reference memo of November 22 and discussed on December 12. Memo by Senior State Member transmitting correspondence between the Departments of State and Defense on the question of Formosa circulated by the reference memo dated December 14, for Senior Staff use in connection with its discussion of the subject. CIA report on the five points listed in Part II of the reference memo of November 22, circulated as NIE-10, January 17.

A checklist of possible U. S. actions to counter Chinese Communist aggression for the use of the respective departments and agencies, prepared by the Senior Staff, was considered on January 15 in the light of a memorandum by the JCS (NSC 101), and a report on courses of action was prepared for Council consideration (NSC 101/1).

At its 80th meeting the NSC discussed NSC 101/1 in the light of NSC 101, referred NSC 101/1 to the NSC Staff for revision in the light of the discussion, and agreed that the revised study should concern itself with U. S. objectives as well as U. S. courses of action on the reference problem. (NSC Action No. 420-b.)

The "Objectives" section of a State draft revision was amended by the Senior Staff on January 22, subject to further consideration at a later meeting. The revised objectives were circulated by the reference memo of January 22.

On February 23, the Senior Staff agreed that this project should be completed as a matter of priority.

The Council requested the JCS to prepare a detailed study of the military effectiveness of the possible use of Chinese forces on Formosa against the mainland of China, including consideration of the effect of such use upon the defense of Formosa. (NSC Action No. 420-c.) The JCS study on this subject was circulated for Council information by the reference memo dated March 21 and referred to the

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND POLICY IN ASIA (Cont'd)

Senior Staff for use in connection with the subject project. The Department of State was requested by the Council to prepare a study of the effect upon China and other Eastern countries of continued U. S. support of Chiang Kai-shek. (NSC Action No. 420-d.) Awaiting State report.

A draft report on "United States National Objectives and Policy in Asia" by the Department of State was circulated by the reference memo dated March 15 for Senior Staff consideration at an early meeting. In transmitting the staff study, the Deputy Under Secretary of State indicated that the report should be considered as superseding NSC 48/2 and completing action by the Department called for by the NSC 101 series; and that in the near future the Department of State would transmit a complete report on current NSC policy papers which it considers to be replaced, supplemented or otherwise affected in the event the reference report is approved.

At the request of the Secretary of Defense, a memo by the JCS on "Military Action in Korea", was circulated by the reference memo of April 10 for the information of the Council and referred to the NSC Staff for consideration as soon as practicable in connection with the subject project.

Preliminary consideration of the State and JCS reports by an informal drafting group is under way.

(See also related project in Section 3-B entitled: "U. S. Action to Counter Chinese Communist Aggression", and project on Indochina in this section.)

THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST
(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 12, 1950)

✓PRIORITY PROJECT✓

Memorandum by the Senior State Member on the subject transmitted by the reference memo and considered by the Senior Staff on December 29, when it was agreed that an initial draft report should be prepared by State; and that CIA should furnish an intelligence estimate of local attitudes and conditions which affect protection of our interests and the realization of our objectives. On February 23 the Senior NSC Staff agreed that this project should be completed as a matter of priority. Awaiting intelligence estimate from CIA and initial draft report from State. (See also related area projects in this section and in Section 3-B.)

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
WITH THE USSR

/PRIORITY PROJECT/

(Record of Senior NSC Staff Meeting, February 23; NSC 79; 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 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 the reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces, should be completed as a matter of priority. Awaiting report by the State, Defense and JCS members. (See also NSC 79 project below and related "Joint Review" in Section 4.)

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, the form and content of a response to the problems posed by NSC 79 were discussed and agreed upon.

On February 23 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 initial draft by the State Policy Planning Staff of the project listed under (1) above. (See also related project above and "Joint Review" in Section 4.)

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO INDOCHINA

(NSC 64/1; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 4, 1951)

At the request of the Secretary of Defense the views of the JCS on the subject (NSC 64/1) were circulated for Council information and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. On December 27, the Senior Staff directed the Staff Assistants to prepare, as a matter of urgency, a draft report on the immediate steps the United States should take to meet the critical situation in Indochina. Draft report by Staff Assistants submitted to Senior Staff by the reference memo. On January 8, the Senior Staff discussed the subject in the light of the importance of Indochina to the security of Southeast Asia and the security of the United States. To be considered further at a later Senior Staff meeting. (See also related area projects in this section and in Section 3-B.)

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

(NSC Action No. 366-c)

In accordance with the reference Council action, the Senior NSC Staff discussed the subject on November 8 and agreed that State, in consultation with Defense, would prepare a draft report. Awaiting State report. (See also related area projects in this section.)

COLLABORATION WITH FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS ON OPERATIONS AGAINST GUERRILLAS

(NSC 90; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 12, 1951)

NSC 90 was circulated for Council information and referred to the Senior NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report. On October 30 the Senior State and JCS Members undertook to collaborate in the preparation of a draft paper covering both the political and military aspects of the problem; and the Senior CIA Member agreed to prepare an intelligence estimate on current and probable areas and characteristics of guerrilla warfare. Joint report by State, JCS and CIA, upon the recommendation of the Staff Assistants, was submitted by the reference memo of March 12 for Senior Staff consideration. On March 15 the Senior Staff referred the report to representatives of the Senior State, JCS and CIA Members to revise in the light of the discussion. Awaiting report by State, JCS and CIA Members.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
(NSC 68 Series; Annex No. 8, Long-term Political and Economic Framework)

Awaiting revision of Annex No. 8 by State. (See also related projects above and in Section 4.)

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY
(NSC 60/1)

On September 15 the Senior Staff agreed that this subject should be a continuing project and that accordingly the Senior State Member should keep the Senior Staff informed on any security policy issues which may arise, with a view to further consideration of the subject. (See also related area projects above.)

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO IRAN
(NSC 107; NSC Action No. 454; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 26, 1951)

In adopting the reference report at its 87th meeting, the Council directed the NSC Staff to review the statement of policy in NSC 107, if the President approved it, whenever the situation in Iran has clarified sufficiently to warrant such review, and in any event not later than July 1, 1951. Accordingly, in the light of the President's approval of the statement of policy in NSC 107, this project is awaiting review by the Senior NSC Staff.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

B. NSC STAFF ASSISTANTS

U. S. ACTION TO COUNTER CHINESE COMMUNIST
AGGRESSION

PRIORITY PROJECT

(Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 22, 1951; and related papers under Senior Staff project on "United States National Objectives and Policy in Asia" in Section 3-A)

Preliminary drafting of an analysis in support of the objectives attached to the reference memo has been undertaken by the NSC Staff Assistants on an urgent basis for consideration by the Senior NSC Staff at an early meeting. Awaiting initial draft from Staff Assistants. Draft analysis in support of the objectives listed in paragraphs 1-a, -b, -f, and -g of the reference memo, presented by the JCS Staff Assistant, was circulated February 6. Awaiting draft analysis by State in support of the objectives listed in paragraphs 1-a, -c, -d, -e, and -g. (See also Senior Staff project, subject: "United States National Objectives and Policy in Asia," in Section 3-A)

POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA

(Progress Report, dated November 14, 1950, on NSC 28/1 and NSC 32/1; NSC 88; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "U. S. Courses of Action in the Event the Soviets Attempt to Close the Baltic", dated March 26, 1951; Record of Senior Staff Meeting on April 3, par. 3)

On December 13 the Senior NSC Staff directed the Staff Assistants to prepare a draft revision of NSC 28/1 for consideration by the Senior Staff.

On October 17, 1950, NSC 88, "U. S. Courses of Action in the Event the Soviets Attempt to Close the Baltic" was circulated for Council information and referred to the NSC Staff for preparation of a report for Council consideration. In view of recommendations made by the Staff Assistants in the reference memo of March 26, the Senior Staff agreed on April 3 that a statement of policy and a staff study on the subject of NSC 88 should be incorporated in the draft report on "The Position of the United States with Respect to Scandinavia," and that completion of this project should be expedited. Awaiting initial draft report by State.

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN AND EASTERN GERMANY

(NSC 89; NSC 73/4, par. 42; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Additional Airlift to Support the Far East," dated September 27 and November 20, 1950; NSC Action No. 368; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated

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UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN AND EASTERN GERMANY (Cont'd)

October 31, 1950; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "Courses of Action in the Event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin", dated February 16, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States Policy with Regard to a Possible New Berlin Blockade," dated March 27, 1951)

At its 69th Meeting, the Council noted the reference memo of September 27, and the fact that the situation presented therein would be taken into consideration in the studies on the Berlin blockade referred to in par. 42 of NSC 73/4. Memoranda on the subject by the Deputy Under Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense were circulated for Council information as NSC 89, and referred to the NSC Staff for use in connection with this staff project. JCS study on airlift capabilities circulated to Senior Staff by the reference memo of October 31. Subsequent memo by the Deputy Secretary of Defense (reference memo of November 20) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Views of the JCS on "Courses of Action in the Event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin" circulated by the reference memo of February 16 to the Senior Staff for consideration in connection with this project upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense.

On February 23 the Senior Staff noted that the JCS views would be taken into account in the early completion of a draft report on "U. S. Policy with Respect to Berlin and Eastern Germany" now under preparation in the Department of State in collaboration with the Department of Defense. Report by State circulated by reference memo dated March 27, considered by the Senior Staff on April 3 and referred to the Staff Assistants for revision in the light of the discussion. Awaiting initial draft by ad hoc group of Staff Assistants.

THE SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN CIVILIAN POPULATION IN GERMANY AND JAPAN IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES
(NSC 106)

Letter by the Secretary of Defense to the President on the subject, and the President's reply, referred by the President to the Council, circulated as NSC 106 for Council information, and referred to the Senior Staff for preparation of recommendations on the subject for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of Defense Mobilization, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator at an early Council meeting.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

THE SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN CIVILIAN POPULATION IN GERMANY AND JAPAN
IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES (Cont'd)

On March 15 the Senior Staff discussed the reference report and referred it to the Staff Assistants for use in the preparation of a draft report for consideration by the Senior Staff. Initial draft in preparation by ad hoc group of Staff Assistants with the advice and assistance of a special group from the Defense Department. Awaiting initial draft from ad hoc group of Staff Assistants.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

C. OTHER CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

NSC DETERMINATIONS ON EAST-WEST TRADE

(Memos for Special Committee on East-West Trade from Assistant Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 15 and 21 and February 8, 9, 12 and 13, 1951; Memo for Special Committee from Assistant Executive Secretary, subject: "Agenda for Next Special Committee Meeting", dated January 22, 1951; memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 8 and 23, 1951)

On December 6 the Special Committee on East-West Trade agreed that the Department of Commerce, with the assistance of representatives from State, Defense, NSRB, Treasury, ECA and CIA, would coordinate the preparation of statistical studies on the subject and submit those studies to the Special Committee for evaluation.

Initial country studies on Latin America, the Near East, and Africa, approved by the Council (reference memos of February 8 and 23). Accordingly, the Special Committee on East-West Trade was directed to continue its examination of trade between the Soviet bloc and the countries of Latin America, the Near East and Africa, and to scrutinize particularly certain aspects thereof.

List of countries receiving U.S. aid, prepared by the Department of State, circulated for information by the reference memo of January 22.

Preliminary studies of trade between the Soviet bloc and Formosa, the Philippines, Burma and Thailand, circulated by the reference memo of January 25, were referred by the Special Committee to a drafting group designated on February 7 to prepare an appropriate draft report. Awaiting draft report from the drafting group.

Preliminary studies of trade between the Soviet bloc and South Korea, Malaya, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, and Afghanistan, circulated by the reference memo of February 8, are to be scheduled for committee consideration at a later date. Copy of ECA "Far East Data Book" circulated for information by the reference memo of February 9 at the request of the ECA member. Tables of Ceylon imports, transmitted by the Department of Commerce, were circulated by the reference memo of February 13 as a supplement to the Ceylon trade study attached to the reference memo of February 8.

Preliminary studies of trade between the Soviet bloc and certain Western European countries, circulated by the reference memo of February 12, are scheduled for Committee consideration on April 17.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

PROVISION FOR STATE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES
(NSC 96/1 and NSC 96; NSC Action No. 409)

At the request of the Secretary of Defense NSC 96 was submitted for Council consideration. At its 77th Meeting, by the reference action, the Council agreed to request the Chairman, NSRB, to develop, in consultation with other interested agencies, a plan for the provision of essential Federal guidance and assistance to the States in organizing reserves to perform State and local security functions when the National Guard is ordered into active military service, this plan to include any necessary Federal legislation.

Report by the Chairman, NSRB, circulated for Council information as NSC 96/1 and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. On April 12 the Senior Staff discussed NSC 96/1 and referred it to the Defense, JCS, and NSRB staff members together with officials from the Department of Justice, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Federal Civil Defense Administration, for use in the preparation of a report for Senior Staff consideration. Awaiting report from above group.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION REGARDING NEW WEAPONS

(Memo for NSC Consultants and AEC Representative, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated July 5, 1950)

At the direction of the President, the Council and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, undertook a consideration of the general problem of weapons information, including atomic weapons, in order to make appropriate recommendations to the President on the subject. A draft report, prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the discussion at a meeting on June 22, has been circulated to the NSC Staff and a representative of the AEC by the reference memo. Awaiting redraft of this report by Defense.

4. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

APPRAISAL OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 7, 1950; NSC Action No. 282)

In approving the proposal by the Acting Chairman, NSRB, in the reference memo, the NSC directed (NSC Action No. 282) the CIA, in collaboration with the Government agencies concerned, to organize and conduct a study of foreign economic intelligence requirements, facilities and arrangements related to the national security, and based on the finding of this study, to prepare for Council consideration and action a comprehensive plan for satisfying the foreign economic intelligence requirements of the national security and for a coordinated interagency effort to this end based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned.

Interim reports by the CIA on September 8, October 4, and November 7, 1950, and January 9, February 1, March 7, and April 2, 1951, concerning the status of this project, indicate that a coordinated draft statement of requirements for foreign economic intelligence is scheduled for completion by April 30. Awaiting report by CIA.

JOINT REVIEW OF POLITICO-MILITARY STRATEGY

(NSC Actions Nos. 393-b and 424; NSC 68/4; NSC 100; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Recommended Policies and Actions in Light of the Grave World Situation", dated January 16, 1951)

The President directed (NSC Action No. 393-b) the Secretaries of State and Defense to undertake a joint review of the politico-military strategy of this Government with a view to increasing and speeding up the programs outlined in NSC 68/4 in the light of the present critical situation, and to submit to the President as soon as possible appropriate recommendations through the NSC.

At its 81st Meeting the Council discussed a report by the Chairman, NSRB, on "Recommended Policies and Actions in Light of the Grave World Situation" (NSC 100) and noted the reference by the President of NSC 100 to the Secretaries of State and Defense for consideration in connection with the joint review of the politico-military strategy of this Government.

Awaiting joint report by the Secretaries of State and Defense.
(See also related projects in Section 3-C.)

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97)

At the direction of the President, a letter from the Acting Secre-

OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS (Cont'd)

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM (Cont'd)

tary 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. Awaiting report by Director of Defense Mobilization.

5. Cancelled Projects

BASIC ISSUE ON THE USE OF U. S. ARMED FORCES TO COUNTER FURTHER SOVIET OR SATELLITE AGGRESSION

(Record of Senior Staff Meetings, January 18, and April 10; Memo for Senior Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 5, 1951)

On January 18 the Senior Staff agreed that the Staff Assistants should prepare for the information of the Senior Staff a draft report stating: (1) the issues which have arisen in a number of NSC projects relating to the commitment of U.S. forces in various areas to counter Communist subversion short of the overt use of Soviet forces; and (2) the divergent points of view and supporting arguments relating to such issues. Draft report circulated March 13, was amended by Staff Assistants and circulated for Senior Staff consideration by the reference memo of April 5. The Senior Staff on April 10 agreed that, although a formal paper on the subject should not be submitted to the Council, each member of the Senior Staff should make the draft report attached to the reference memo available to the head of his department or agency for information as an accurate reflection of the discussions that had taken place in the Senior Staff on the subject.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES DERIVED FROM NSC POLICIES

(Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, September 6, 1950, and January 25 and April 10, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 15 and March 13, 1951)

On September 6 the Senior Staff agreed that the Staff Assistants should examine existing NSC policy reports with a view to deriving therefrom any general statements of principle. An initial report on the subject was considered by the Senior Staff on January 25 and referred to the Executive Secretary for revision in the light of the discussion. Revision by the Executive Secretary circulated by the reference memo dated March 13. On March 15, the Senior Staff discussed the revision and agreed to continue discussion at a subsequent meeting. On April 10 the Senior Staff agreed that the draft statement attached to the reference memo of March 13 should be used as a guide by the NSC Staff in considering subsequent papers.

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