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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(December 13, 1948 - January 3, 1949)

USE OF U. S. ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION OF U. S. CITIZENS IN CHINA (See NSC Action No. 156 and Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 23, 1948)

THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN (See NSC Action No. 161)

NSC 38 THE AUSTRIAN TREATY IN THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (See NSC Action No. 162)

NSC 11/3 U. S. ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO (See NSC Action No. 165)

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEYS (See NSC Action No. 166)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

SANACC 398/4 (NSC 26/2)

At its 19th Meeting, September 2, 1948, the Council deferred action on NSC 26, but instructed the Department of State to continue further planning with U. S. industrial representatives in this country. A report by the Acting Secretary of State (NSC 26/1) was circulated on November 10 for the information of the Council and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of appropriate modifications of NSC 26 for consideration by the Council, as recommended therein. Views of the JCS on NSC 26, circulated informally to members of the Council at their 19th Meeting on September 2, are included in NSC 26/1. Staff draft report, concurred in by the Consultants, was submitted to the Council as NSC 26/2. Scheduled for consideration as Item 1 on the agenda of the 31st NSC Meeting, January 6.

RETENTION OF U. S. FOOTHOLD AT SHANGHAI

At the suggestion of the President scheduled as Item 2 for discussion on the agenda of the 31st NSC Meeting, January 6.

U. S. POLICY WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA

(Memo for the NSC from the Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 28, 1948)

Letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of Defense urging Council consideration of a policy with respect to Formosa, scheduled for discussion as Item 3 on the agenda of the 31st NSC Meeting, January 6. Meanwhile, NSC Staff holding preliminary discussion of draft study on this subject transmitted by the Acting Secretary of the Army as a basis for the preparation of an NSC report.

REGULAR ORAL INTELLIGENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Memo for the NSC from the Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 31, 1948)

At the request of the Secretary of Defense, scheduled for discussion as Item 4 on the agenda of the 31st NSC Meeting, January 6.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

SECURITY OF VENEZUELAN OIL PRODUCTION AREA

(Memo for the NSC from the Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 30, 1948)

Study by the Joint Staff, scheduled as Item 5 on the agenda of the 31st NSC Meeting, January 6.

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CURRENT POSITION OF THE U. S. RESPECTING DELIVERY OF AID TO CHINA (NSC 22/2 and NSC Action No. 159)

At its 30th Meeting the NSC noted the above report by the Secretary of Defense and the comments thereon by the JCS. It agreed that views should be obtained from JUSMAG and U. S. Embassy, Nanking for consideration by the Council together with the comments of the JCS, on the appropriate conditions of military aid to China. Views of U. S. Embassy, Nanking, and of Director, JUSMAG, circulated by memorandum to the Council, December 24. Further views of Director, JUSMAG, obtained pursuant to the recommendations of the Acting Secretary of State in the above memo of December 24, circulated December 31 for consideration by the NSC.

THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN

This subject is under continuous consideration by the NSC. (See Section 6 for status of project on Germany.)

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (Memo for the NSC from the Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 27, 1948)

An amendment to paragraph 5 of NSC 13/2, proposed by the Secretary of the Army, submitted by memorandum for Council consideration. Approved by NSRB, December 27. Awaiting action by State, Defense, Navy and Air. (See Section 5 for current status regarding paragraph 20 of NSC 13/2.)

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COLLECTION OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA

(Memo for the NSC from the Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 27, 1948)

A proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive submitted to the Council, September 21, was disapproved by the Secretary of Defense and returned with his views and those of the Chairman, NSRB, for reconsideration by the Director of CIA and the Intelligence Advisory Committee. A substitute NSCID was submitted by memorandum on December 27 for Council consideration. Approved by State, December 31. Awaiting action by Defense, Army, Navy, Air and NSRB.

USE OF U. S. ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVACUATION OF U. S. CITIZENS IN CHINA

(Memo for the NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 3, 1949)

Departments of State and Navy propose deletion of subparagraph <u>c</u> of NSC Action 156. Submitted to Council by memo of January 3. Awaiting Council action.

THE POSITION OF THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF U.S. <u>MILITARY POWER IN GREECE</u> (Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 20, 1948, ref. NSC 5/4)

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of NSC 5/4, a report by the Department of State (PPS-46) was submitted to the Council by memo dated December 20. Approved by State, December 23; by Navy, December 24; by Air, December 28; by NSRB, December 21. Approved with comment by the Army, December 22. Awaiting action by the Secretary of Defense.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Contid)

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948; NSC 9/5 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 8, 1948; and NSC 9/6)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, as NSC 9/5. Report by the JCS circulated for information of the Council, November 29 as NSC 9/6. To be scheduled for discussion at an early Council meeting.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES (NSC 17/3)

The Conclusions of a report on the above subject (NSC 17/1) were approved by the Council at its 17th Meeting. On September 16, 1948, the Council, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, approved a directive to SANACC which requested SANACC to take appropriate action on internal security and to make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. A report from SANACC (SANACC 401/1) requesting further guidance was submitted to the Council as NSC 17/3 on November 16 together with correspondence by the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General. Further correspondence by the Attorney General and the Air Force member of SANACC submitted for consideration in connection with NSC 17/3 by Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, NSC, same subject, dated November 26, 1948. To be scheduled for consideration at an early Council meeting.

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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WARTIME INFORMATION PROGRAM (Ref. NSC 4 and NSC 10 Series, SANACC 304/6 and 304/14)

To provide a basis for a report to the Council on the above subject, the NSC Staff requested the Department of State to prepare an amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4 in the light of the recom-mendations of SANACC (SANACC 304/6) and the JCS (SANACC 304/14). By memo of October 5 the Secretary of Defense urged that the NSC Staff submit its report for Council consideration at the earliest possible date. A draft report was submitted on October 21 for consideration by the Consultants. Air disapproved and presented a substitute draft report. Amendments proposed by State, Army, Navy and NSRB were incorporated by the NSC Staff in a redraft which was presented, along with the Air draft, to the Consultants for consideration at a meeting on November 29. The draft was revised by the NSC Staff in the light of the discussion at the meeting and returned to the Consultants on December 3. A draft report by the Staff, incorporating the views of the Consultants on the December 3 draft, was submitted to the Consultants on December 28. Concurred in by Navy and NSRB, December 31. Awaiting action by State, Army, and Air Force.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject, submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. State action being deferred pending related developments.

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4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO CHINA (NSC 34)

At its 9th Meeting the Council agreed that a report on an over-all policy on China should be prepared and requested the Department of State to draft the initial report. State's draft, "U. S. Policy Toward China" was circulated as NSC 34, October 13, to the Council for information and referred to the Staff for preparation of a report to the Council. At its 26th Meeting the Council discussed a preliminary draft report prepared by the NSC Staff and referred it back to the Staff for revision in the light of the discussion at the Meeting. A final Staff draft report was submitted to the Consultants on November 12. Comments by State and NSRB and amendments by the Air Force were discussed by the Consultants at a meeting held on November 29. Staff reconsidered subject in the light of suggestions by the State Consultant and resubmitted draft conclusions to the Consultants on December 30. Concurred in by Army, Navy and NSRB; amended by Air Force; not concurred in by State. Staff reconsidering the subject in the light of comments.

MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4, NSC 35)

On the basis of the statement of U. S. risks and objectives with respect to the USSR (NSC 20/4) as adopted by the Council and approved by the President, the Staff is making final revisions to its preliminary draft of the specific measures required to achieve those objectives. In this connection the Staff has considered the views of the JCS on military commitments which were circulated as NSC 35 for Council information and Staff use. Awaiting Staff report.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GREECE AND TURKEY (NSC Action No. 157; NSC 36)

At its 30th Meeting the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for early consideration by the Council on the position of the U.S. with respect to Greece and Turkey, taking into consideration NSC 36, SANACC 358/7 and 358/8, the previous NSC Staff draft paper of April 27 on Turkey and such other studies on the subject as may be appropriate. After preliminary discussion by the Staff the State Department was requested to prepare a draft report. Awaiting State report.

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5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13/1 and 13/2; NSC Action No. 117 c (2).)

At its 23rd Meeting on October 7 the Council adopted NSC 13/1, subject to amendments and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9 and 20 should be submitted separately. (NSC Action No. 117.) Approved report circulated as NSC 13/2. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, and paragraph 9, as of November 19 by NSC Actions Nos. 138 and 143 respectively. Awaiting a joint report by the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Army on paragraph 20. (See Section 2 for status of suggested amendment to paragraph 5.)

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA (NSC 19/1; NSC 19/2; Memo for Secretary of State from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 15, 1948)

At its 17th Meeting August 5, the NSC received and discussed the subject but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations referred to by the Department of State in NSC 19/2. As suggested by the Secretary of Defense in the reference memo, the Department of State was requested to prepare a progress report summarizing implementation of NSC 19/1, setting forth any suggestions concerning changes in NSC 19/1 as a basis for reconsideration by the NSC of the policies approved in that report. Awaiting report from State.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY (NSC Action No. 113, b)

At its 21st Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U.S. with respect to Germany in the event that current Berlin negotiations are unsuccessful. State has deferred its report until the situation with respect to Berlin has been clarified.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 35 Series.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

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