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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(May 18, 1953 - May 25, 1953)

1. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT
(NSC Action No. 791; Memo for NSC, May 11, 1953; Executive Order 10450)
2. A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS
(NSC Action Nos. 786 and 793; NSC 143, 143/1, and 143/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 15, 1953)
3. NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN
(NSC Action No. 795; NSC 72/6; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 11 and 19, 1953)

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II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 146TH MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1953
(Agenda dated May 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. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

Ref: Council - NSC 97 and 97/2; NSC Action No. 592; Memo, subject, "Suspension of Exploration Program, Naval Reserve No. 4 (Alaska)", April 8, 1953; Memo, subject, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", December 11, 1951

Origin: Interim recommendations on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in response to a letter from the Secretary of Defense (NSC 97) were approved by the President upon the recommendation of the NSC on December 13, 1951 (NSC 97/2).

Current Status: The draft statement of policy on the subject contained in the reference report by the NSC Planning Board (NSC 97/3) is scheduled for consideration.

3. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 151; NSC Action No. 725

Plan. Bd. - Memo for Senior NSC Staff, 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 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: The Recommendations contained in pp. 3-4 of the reference interim report on the subject by the Ad Hoc Committee on Armament and American Policy of the NSC Planning Board (NSC 151) are scheduled for consideration.

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B. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MEMORANDUM ACTION

1. UNITED STATES POLICY ON SOVIET AND SATELLITE DEFECTORS
Ref: Council - NSC 86/1; Memo, May 20, 1953

Origin: A draft amendment to NSC 86/1 on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board, including a representative of the Department of Justice, on the basis of an initial Psychological Strategy Board draft was submitted for Council consideration by the reference memo of May 20.

Current Status: Awaiting action by the Council and others concerned on the draft amendment.

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C. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF THE NET CAPABILITY OF THE USSR TO INFLICT DIRECT INJURY ON THE UNITED STATES (UP TO JULY 1, 1955)

Ref: Council - NSC 140, 140/1 and 141; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543, 687, and 699; Memos, subject, "A Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the United States", June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951, and October 21, November 21, 25, and 26, 1952; Memo, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", November 25, 1952; SE-14

Origin: The Council on November 26, 1952 (NSC Action No. 687-a) received a summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States (reference memos of October 21 and November 25) prepared pursuant to NSC directive (reference memo of August 30, 1951). A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b, to provide the basis for a more adequate evaluation was concurred in by the Council, approved by the President on January 19, and issued as NSC 140.

Current Status: The report of the Special Evaluation Subcommittee prepared pursuant to NSC 140 has been circulated as NSC 140/1, and is tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on June 4.

2. REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 152, 104/2, 91/1, 122/1; NSC Action No. 738; Progress Report dated January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2

Origin: The Council on March 18, 1953 directed the NSC Planning Board, with the participation of the Department of Commerce, to review the existing policy on this subject (NSC 104/2) and submit appropriate recommendations for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 738).

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Council of the alternative courses of action set forth in the reference report by the Planning Board prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 738-c (NSC 152). Tentatively scheduled for June 4.

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3. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN

Ref: Council - NSC 125/2, 125/3, 125/4, 125/5; Annex to NSC 125/1, Annex to NSC 125/3; NSC Action Nos. 660 and 761; Memos, August 7, 1952 and April 27, 1953; NIE-52

Origin: In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2, he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time (reference memo of August 7).

Current Status: Revision of NSC 125/4 prepared by the Planning Board pursuant to NSC Action No. 761-a, to take account of the question of the long-term viability of the economy of Japan deprived of the raw materials and markets of the Chinese mainland has been submitted to the Council as NSC 125/5. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on June 11.

4. THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Ref: Council - NSC 137; 137/1, and 66/1; NSC Actions Nos. 612 and 710; Memos, March 26 and May 13; Memo for All Holders of May 13 memo, dated May 18, 1953; Memo, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", February 5, 1953; Memos, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America with Regard to Soviet Jamming", January 2, February 26 and 29, 1952; Memo, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on our Essential Communications Systems and Organizations", January 26, 1951; SE-38

Origin: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum.

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THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY (Cont'd)

Current Status: Reports by the President's Committee on International Information Activities (reference memo of March 26), the Telecommunications Advisor to the President (reference memo of May 13) and CIA (SE-38), prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 710, will be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

5. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA WITH REGARD
TO SOVIET JAMMING

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated April 13, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on Pilot Operation of Paragraph 3-b of NSC 66/1

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

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

6. 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.

7. 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, 624; Memos, April 6 and 7, 1953; NIE 27/1; SE-29

Origin: The Council on April 2 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

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to U.S. policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128 (NSC Action No. 624-b).

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

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III. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 149/2, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, 141; NSC Action No. 776-b; Memo, Feb. 6, 1953

Plan. Bd. - "Outline of Basic National Security Policy", dated April 29, 1953; "Suggestions of the ODM for Changes in Planning Board 'Outline of Revised Basic National Security Policy'", dated April 29, 1951; Memos, May 7, 13, 15, 18 and 20, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, May 1, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 22, 1953

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 in connection with its action on NSC 149/1 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for Council consideration a revised report on basic national security policies, based on Part I of NSC 149/1 as amended and adopted (subsequently issued as NSC 149/2), and covering all national security programs, to supersede NSC 20/4, 68/2, and 135/3 (NSC Action No. 776-b).

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board of the paper on this subject (reference memos of May 18 and May 20) at its meetings on May 25 and 29.

2. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA IN THE EVENT OF A KOREAN ARMISTICE

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 777-d

Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting of Planning Board, May 13, 1953

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the NSC Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by State of a draft report on this subject. Tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 27.

3. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING GERMANY

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 777-d

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject. (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a report by State. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board Consideration June 3.

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4. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST

Ref: Council - NSC 129/1

Plan. Bd.- Memo for Senior Staff, March 17, 1953; Memos, April 14, 24 and May 4, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, April 10, 15, 27 and May 6, 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 review by the Planning Board upon the return of the Secretary of State from the area, of the draft report dated May 4, with a view to submission of a report on the subject to the Council for consideration. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on June 5.

5. JAPANESE PEACE TREATY ISLANDS

Ref: Council - NSC 125/5, para. 4

Plan. Bd.- Record of Meeting of Planning Board, May 20, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board requested the Departments of State and Defense to state their respective positions by May 15 on the question of whether the U.S. should maintain the status quo in the entire group of islands mentioned in Article 3 of the Peace Treaty, or whether it should return certain of these islands to Japan.

Current Status: Awaiting a joint State-Defense draft report, to be prepared for consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on June 5.

6. 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 reports on specific country situations in Latin America from State (including especially Panama, Argentina, Guatemala, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil).

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7. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA
Ref: Council - NSC 98/1

Plan. Bd. - Record of Senior Staff meeting, January 29, 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 Preparation of a draft report by State.

8. 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.

9. 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

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 report by State.

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

Ref: Plan. Bd. - Memos for Senior Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, May 11, 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.

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting revision by State, in the light of the visit of the Secretary of State to the area, of the draft report transmitted by the reference memos of March 4 and 16.

11. UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

Ref: Council - NSC 79; Memo, September 6, 1950

Plan. Bd.- Memo for Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members, January 14, 1953; Record of Senior Staff meetings, September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951

Origin: JCS memo (NSC 79) was circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff. The Senior Staff on September 6, 1950, designated an ad hoc group to draft a report on (1) war objectives in the event of global war and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites.

Current Status: Awaiting report on the first of the above questions by an ad hoc committee (designated by State, [redacted] based on its study of a preliminary draft report prepared by the Policy Planning Staff of State (reference memo of January 14).

12. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY)

Ref: Council - NSC 58/2; NIE-87

Plan. Bd.- Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Memo, May 18, 1953; Record of Senior Staff Meeting, January 29, 1953; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, April 24 and May 20, 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 coordinated revision by the Board Assistants of the staff study on the subject, including material from NIE-87.

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13. U.S. CONTINENTAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

Ref: Council - NSC 140 and NSC 140/1

Plan. Bd.- ODM draft statement of policy on "Non-Military Defense", dated May 5, 1953; Memo, May 8, 1953; Recommendation on "Continental Defense", dated May 22, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, May 6 and 22, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board on May 6 discussed the subject and agreed that preliminary work should be initiated within the departments and agencies concerned on existing and proposed programs, with costs in each case, in anticipation of preparation of a draft report after receipt of the report of the Special Evaluation Subcommittee (see project in Section II-C above) and the Department of Defense Ad Hoc Study Group on Continental Defense.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Department of Defense Ad Hoc Study Group on Continental Defense and preparation of revised terms of reference for a Continental Defense Committee of the NSC Planning Board.

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE

Ref: Council - NSC 131 and 131/1; NSC Action No. 651; Memo, June 9, 1952

Origin: On May 16, 1952, the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator requested that a policy memorandum on the subject, which the FCDA was proposing to issue for the guidance of state and local civil defense forces, be referred to the NSC for such comments or action as was deemed appropriate (circulated as NSC 131).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting on June 18, 1952.

2. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THEIR COSTS

Ref: Council - NSC 149/2; NSC Action Nos. 768 and 779

Origin: The Council at its meetings on April 22 and 28 amended and adopted NSC 149/1 subject to certain understandings (NSC Action Nos. 776 and 768). NSC 149/1, as amended and adopted was approved by the President on April 29 and issued as 149/2. The Council adopted the reductions in the atomic energy program proposed in Part II of NSC 149/1, with the understanding that: (1) the Atomic Energy Commission will review the possibility of further reductions as a result of the elimination of the large ship reactor program and the aircraft nuclear propulsion program, pursuant to Action 768-e; (see also NSC Action No. 779); (2) the Secretary of Defense will urgently review the military requirements for atomic weapons in the light of the revisions in the military program; and (3) the Atomic Energy Commission will recommend revisions in its expansion program in the light of any changes in military requirements resulting from (2) above (NSC Action No. 768-f).

Current Status: Awaiting reports from the Secretary of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to NSC Action No. 768-f.

3. POSSIBILITIES FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BASED ON THAILAND

Ref: Council - NSC Action Nos. 780-d and 788

Origin: The Council on May 13 (NSC Action No. 788) noted a brief oral report on the subject by Mr. C. D. Jackson,

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and directed the Psychological Strategy Board to submit for Council consideration a plan for coordinated psychological operations based on Thailand.

Current Status: Awaiting a report from the Psychological Strategy Board pursuant to the above action.

4. UNITED STATES POLICY ON SOVIET AND SATELLITE DEFECTORS

Ref: Council - NSC 86/1; Progress Report on NSC 86/1, dated July 11, 1952; Memo, May 20, 1953

Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting of Planning Board on May 18, 1953

Origin: The NSC Planning Board on May 18 in connection with its submission of a draft amendment to NSC 86/1 to the Council for its consideration (see Section II-B above)

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5. 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 (see also Section II-C above) advises 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 to be held on June 7, 1953.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

6. 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: Report on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board in the light of the estimate of the JCS transmitted

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ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA (Cont'd)

by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by State of a political annex setting forth the foreign policy implications of the course of action selected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and further consideration of the subject by the Council after completion of related studies now under way (NSC Action No. 794-b and d).

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