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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(June 8, 1953 - June 15, 1953)

1. RESTATEMENT OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY
Ref: Council - NSC 153, NSC 153/1, NSC 149/2, NSC 20/4, NSC 68/2, NSC 135/3 and NSC 79; NSC Action No. 776-b and 811; Memo, February 6, 1953
2. 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; NSC Action No. 813
3. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO UNITED STATES AND NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY INTERESTS IN ICELAND
Ref: Council - Progress Report dated May 28, 1953, by the Acting Secretary of State on NSC 40/1; NSC Action No. 814

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(Agenda dated June 15, 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. UNITED STATES TACTICS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AN ARMISTICE IN KOREA

Ref: Council - NSC 154 and NSC 118/2; NSC Action No. 777-d

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the NSC Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on U.S. policy toward Communist China in the event of an armistice (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: The draft statement of policy contained in the reference report by the NSC Planning Board (NSC 154) is scheduled for consideration.

3. ADDITIONAL UNITED NATIONS FORCES FOR KOREA

Ref: Council - Memos, June 1 and 15, 1953

Origin: At the direction of the President a letter from Ambassador Lodge on the subject was circulated by the reference memo of June 1 for the consideration of the Council.

Current Status: The letter from Ambassador Lodge transmitted by the reference memorandum of June 1 is scheduled for consideration in the light of the comments thereon transmitted by the reference memo of June 15.

4. 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

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RESPECT TO JAPAN (Cont'd)

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: The draft statement of policy contained in the reference report by the NSC Planning Board on the subject (NSC 125/5) is scheduled for consideration and the progress report contained in NSC 125/5 is scheduled to be noted.

5. JAPANESE TREATY ISLANDS

Ref: Council - NSC 125/5, para. 4
Plan.Bd. - Memos, June 3, 4, 12 and 15, 1953; 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: The Recommendations contained in the report by the NSC Planning Board transmitted by reference memo of June 15 are scheduled for consideration.

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B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Ref: Council - Progress report dated June 8, 1953 by
the Under Secretary of State on NSC 29

Origin: The reference progress report has been circu-
lated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: Tentatively scheduled for Council action
on June 25.

2. 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, pre-
pared 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.

3. 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 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. 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, May 4 and June 10, 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: A draft report prepared by State as a revision of the May 4 draft, to reflect the views of the Secretary of State as a result of his recent visit to the area (reference memo of June 10), is tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on June 17.

2. UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 777-d
Plan.Bd. - Memo, May 29, 1953; Record of Action, June 5, 1953

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 by State of an initial revision of the draft report dated May 29 in the light of the Planning Board discussion on June 5, on the basis of which the Board Assistants will prepare a revised draft for Planning Board consideration. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration June 22.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 153/1 and NSC 20/4
Plan.Bd. - Record of Planning Board Meeting, May 29, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board on May 29 agreed that the verbatim inclusion in NSC 153 for Council consideration of the paragraphs of NSC 20/4 relating to United States objectives vis-a-vis the USSR in the event of war (paras. 22 and 23 - see Annex in NSC 153/1), should be regarded as a temporary response to NSC 79 pending Planning Board review of these paragraphs.

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EVENT OF WAR (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting Planning Board review of the objectives contained in the Annex in NSC 153/1. Tentatively scheduled for June 22.

4. 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.

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. Tentatively scheduled for June 24.

5. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH
ASIA

Ref: Council - NSC 98/1
Plan. Bd. - Memo, June 9; 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 discussion by the Planning Board of the draft statement of policy on the subject transmitted by the reference memo of June 9. Tentatively scheduled for June 24.

6. ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ref: Council - Memo, June 2, 1953; Memos, subject, "The Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of Its Use on National Security", dated March 26 and May 13, 1953; Memo for All Holders of May 13 Memo, dated May 18, 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; Memo, subject, "Current U.S. Telecommunications Planning Program", dated April 21, 1953; SE-38; NSC Action No. 812

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ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS (Cont'd)

Origin: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "The Effect of Radio as a Medium for the Voice of America on Military Operations and Upon Military and Civil Telecommunications" were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum.

Current Status: Awaiting (pursuant to NSC Action No. 812-g and d): (1) report before July 1 by Defense and CIA, in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission as appropriate, on a feasible basic plan to provide monitoring activities designed to achieve the objectives set forth in recommendation 2 of the Planning Board (reference memo of June 2), and (2) further consideration and report early in July by the Planning Board on recommendations 3, 5 and 6.

7. REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 152, 104/2, 91/1, 122/1; NSC Action Nos. 738 and 806; Progress Report dated January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, June 5, 1953

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 preparation by the Economic Defense Advisory Committee, with the assistance of such special consultants as the departments and agencies represented on the Committee may designate, of the initial draft report called for by NSC Action No. 806, for Planning Board consideration not later than July 1.

8. U.S. CONTINENTAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

Ref: Council - NSC 140, 140/1, 131, 131/1; Memos, May 28 and June 1, 1953; Memo, subject, "Organized Evacuation of Civilian Populations in Civil Defense", June 9, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 651 and 804
Plan. Bd. - Memos, May 8 and June 1, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board, May 6, 22 and 27, 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

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preparation of a draft report after receipt of the report of the Special Evaluation Subcommittee (see NSC 140/1) and the Department of Defense Ad Hoc Study Group on Continental Defense.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the Continental Defense Committee of the Planning Board in accordance with the terms of reference transmitted by the reference memo of June 1, which will also cover the problem of organized evacuation of civilian populations in civil defense (see NSC 131/1, NSC Action No. 651, and memo of June 9, 1952). Due not later than July 15.

9. 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 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 to be held on June 7, 1953.

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

10. 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.

11. 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 Meetings of Planning Board April 24 and May 20, 1953

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare

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IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY) (Cont'd)

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.

12. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

Ref: Council - NSC 151; NSC Action Nos. 725 and 799
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: Awaiting: (a) preparation of a report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Armaments and American Policy of the NSC Planning Board on Recommendations 2-5 of the Panel of Consultants and (b) an outline plan to be prepared by PSB pursuant to NSC Action No. 799-d of the specific steps, including speeches by government officials, which should be taken to carry out the recommendations contained in NSC 151. (See also related project below)

13. 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.

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14. 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).

15. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Ref: Council - NSC 154, para. 17

Origin: Paragraph 17 of NSC 154 (see Section II-A above) calls for the development of, as a matter of urgency, the position which the United States will take during political negotiations with respect to the Republic of Korea. The Council was advised in NSC 154 that the Planning Board is preparing a report for Council consideration on this subject.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at an early meeting of a draft report by State on "U.S. Objective with Respect to Korea Following an Armistice", to be circulated.

16. U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS

Ref: Council - 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", dated February 17 and June 3, 1953; NSC Action No. 717-b

Origin: At its meeting on February 18, 1953, the Council agreed to explore, prior to the next UN General Assembly meeting in September, the possibility of a new U.S. proposal on the subject (NSC Action No. 717-b)

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

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. 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, 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. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on June 25.

2. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

Ref: Council - NSC 97/3; NSC Action No. 798; Memo, June 2, 1953

Origin: The Council at its meeting on May 28: Adopted the statement of policy contained in NSC 97/3, with the exception of paragraph 8 which was adopted in principle on the understanding that the Director of Defense Mobilization will: (1) Coordinate the implementation of subparagraphs 8-a and b in the light of a review of the military requirements by the Secretary of Defense; (2) Coordinate the implementation of subparagraph 8-c in the light of discussions by the Secretary of Commerce with representatives of the tanker and shipbuilding industries; (3) Submit to the National Security Council a progress report, with particular reference to (1) and (2) above, not later than July 1, 1953. The Council also suggested that NSC 97/3 be referred for comment to Civilian Consultants to be selected by the President (NSC Action No. 798-b and d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a progress report by the Director of Defense Mobilization pursuant to NSC Action No. 798-b and comment from the Civilian Consultants in accordance with NSC Action No. 798-d. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on July 9.

3. 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

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TO THEIR COSTS (Cont'd)

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.

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. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
Ref: Council - NSC 147; NSC Action Nos. 759, 777-c, 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 by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council.

Current Status: A political annex setting forth the foreign policy implications of the course of action selected by

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

the Joint Chiefs of Staff has been prepared by State pursuant to NSC Action No. 794-b. Awaiting further consideration of the subject by the Council after completion of related studies now under way.

6. 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 of June 1) was considered by the Council on June 4, 1953 and it was agreed that in view of the adverse effects on national security interests 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 from the Attorney General on the results of the above mentioned negotiations.

7. STATUS OF UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AS OF JUNE 30, 1953

Ref: Council - NSC 153, 149/3, 142

Origin: The President has directed that, in accordance with established practice, the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare reports on the status of those programs semi-annually for the information of the President and the National Security Council.

Current Status: Awaiting reports due August 1 on the status of United States programs for national security as of June 30, 1953, to be prepared by the departments and agencies concerned with the assistance of the NSC Special Staff.

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