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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(July 13, 1953 - July 20, 1953)

1. THE SITUATION IN KOREA
Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 850
2. BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS FOR FY 1955
Ref: Council - NSC 149/2 and NSC 153/1; NSC Action No. 851

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II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 156TH MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1953

(Revised Agenda dated July 21, 1953)

1. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

Ref: Council - NSC 97/3 and NSC 97/4; NSC Action No. 798; Memos, June 2 and June 29, 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: The recommendations by the NSC Planning Board contained in pages 1-5 of NSC 97/4 (with the exception of paragraph 3-b) are scheduled for consideration.

2. 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.

3. THE SITUATION IN KOREA

The subject is scheduled for discussion in the light of an oral briefing by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. ADDITIONAL UNITED NATIONS FORCES FOR KOREA

Ref: Council - NSC 147 (Paras. 168-180); NSC Action Nos. 759-b and 835; Memos, June 1, 15, and July 17, 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.

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Current Status: The recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report on the subject, prepared by the Special Committee constituted pursuant to NSC Action No. 835-c and transmitted by the reference memo of July 17, together with the dissent and alternative proposals by the Department of Defense contained in the Annex to the report are scheduled for consideration.

5. STRENGTHENING THE KOREAN ECONOMY

Ref: Council - NSC 156 and NSC 156/1; NSC Action No. 828

Origin: A report on the subject by the mission headed by Mr. Tasca, Special Representative of the President for Korean Economic Affairs (NSC 156) was referred to the Council by the President.

Current Status: A report by the NSC Planning Board on the subject has been transmitted as NSC 156/1 for consideration by the NSC of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 5-7 thereof. These recommendations were prepared in response to NSC Action No. 828-b based upon study by a Special Committee of the report to the President on the subject by the mission headed by Mr. Henry J. Tasca.

6. TRANSFER TO THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF LIGHT U.S. NAVAL SHIPS

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 841

Origin: The Council on July 9 discussed the impending danger to Chinese Nationalist forces on the off-shore islands along the central China coast and noted the President's desire that the Department of Defense report to the Council on July 23 as to the feasibility of transferring to the Chinese National Government such number of light U.S. naval ships as Admiral Radford might deem appropriate (NSC Action No. 841).

Current Status: A report by the Department of Defense on the subject pursuant to NSC Action No. 841-d is scheduled for consideration.

7. PROJECT SOLARIUM

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 853-g.

Origin: The Council on July 16 noted and discussed oral presentations on three alternative basic national security policies by the task forces constituted under Project Solarium and referred the presentations and the reports

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upon which they were based to the NSC staff for preparation of summaries of the principal points thereof in consultation with members of the task force and report back to the Council for further consideration and instructions.

Current Status: Summaries prepared by the NSC staff pursuant to NSC Action No. 853-c, which are to be used as the basis of discussion at the Council meeting on July 30, are scheduled to be noted.

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B. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. U. S. PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO THE THAI PEOPLES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Ref: Council - Memo, July 6, 1953; 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 PSB to submit for Council consideration a plan for coordinated psychological operations based on Thailand.

Current Status: A Plan on the subject, prepared by PSB pursuant to the above Council action, was circulated by the reference memorandum of July 6 for consideration by the Council of the summary contained in the first five pages thereof. Awaiting Council consideration at an early meeting.

2. UNITED STATES POLICY ON SOVIET AND SATELLITE DEFFECTORS

Ref: Council - Progress Report, July 2, 1953; by the Director of Central Intelligence on NSC 86/1

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

Current Status: Tentatively scheduled for Council action on July 30, 1953.

3. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE PHILIPPINES

Ref: Council - Progress Report dated July 16, 1953 by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 84/2

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.

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4. 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.

5. 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, 1952 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 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 POSITION WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 777-d
Plan. Bd. - Memos, May 29, June 24 and July 6, 1953;
Record of Meetings, June 5 and 29 and July 8, 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: Scheduled for further consideration on July 20.

2. REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES DATED JUNE 30, 1953

Ref: Council - NSC Action No. 836
Plan. Bd. - Memo, July 3, 1953; Record of Meeting, July 13, 1953

Origin: The Council on July 2 discussed Chapter 7 of the subject report, noted the President's interest in the recommendations contained in Chapter 7 and in receiving the views of the Council in regard to Chapter 7, and referred Chapter 7 to the Director, Bureau of the Budget for preparation of a draft Executive Order suitable for implementing the recommendations contained therein. The Council also referred the balance of the report to the Planning Board for consideration and subsequent report to the Council by July 17 (NSC Action No. 836).

Current Status: The report (less Chapter 7) is scheduled for discussion on July 20.

3. 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. - Memos, July 6 and 17; Record of Meetings, June 5, and July 8, 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 consideration by the Planning Board on July 22 of a draft report on the subject revised by the Economic Defense Advisory Committee in the light of the discussion by the Planning Board on July 8 (reference memo of July 17).

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4. 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; Memo, subject, "Port Security," June 23, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 651, 804 and 830-a
Plan. Bd. - Memos, May 8 and June 1, 1953; Record of Meetings, May 6, 22 and 27, 1953; "Tentative schedule for National Security Council Action On Continental Defense", dated June 17, 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 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) and the problem of port security (see NSC Action No. 830-a). Due not later than July 22. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration July 27 together with a review of NSC 139.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 153/1 and NSC 20/4; NSC Action No. 811
Plan. Bd. - Record of Meetings, May 29, June 29, July 6 and 13, 1953; JCS Draft "U. S. Objectives in the Event of General War," dated June 26, 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.

Current Status: Awaiting consolidation by the Board Assistants of the various drafts before the Planning Board on the basis of Mr. Cutler's draft of July 7. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on August 3.

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6. 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 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 (reference memo of May 18), including material from NIE-87. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on August 3.

7. POSSIBILITIES OF REDUCING U. S. CIVILIAN POPULATION IN
SENSITIVE AREAS ABROAD

Ref: Council - Progress Report, June 29, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense on NSC 106/2; NSC Action No. 845

Origin: The reference Progress Report (see Section I above) stated that certain ambiguities and omissions in NSC 106/2 have made implementation unnecessarily difficult, and for this reason State and Defense are preparing a suggested revision for Council consideration.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a revision of NSC 106/2 by the Board Assistants on the basis of a State-Defense draft of July 15. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration on August 3.

8. 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 held on June 7, 1953

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

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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. 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 above).

11. 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 further consideration by the Planning Board of the draft report transmitted by the reference memos of March 4 and 16.

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12. 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.

13. 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).

14. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA

Ref: Council - NSC 154/1, paragraph 19; NSC Action No. 833

Origin: Paragraph 19 of NSC 154/1, approved by the President on July 3, directs that, in the light of the post-armistice situation, a fundamental review and reassessment of our basic policy toward Communist China, as well as our position with respect to Korea, should be undertaken.

Current Status: Awaiting review by the Planning Board of basic U. S. policy toward Communist China in the light of the post-armistice situation.

15. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AMONG STUDENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Ref: Plan. Bd. - Record of meeting on June 29, 1953

Origin: The Planning Board on June 29 agreed to recommend that the Psychological Strategy Board with such outside assistance (e.g., from the Ford Foundation) as might be appropriate, prepare a study and recommendations on the subject.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a study and recommendations by the Psychological Strategy Board.

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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", 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 completion of a review of NSC 112 by the Planning Board not later than September 1.

17. 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; NSC Action No. 837

Origin: The reference progress report was circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report based on a review of NSC 29 by State, Defense, ODM and CIA representatives.

18. 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; Record of Planning Board meeting, June 22, 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 revision by the Board Assistants of the draft statement of policy on the subject transmitted by the reference memo of June 9.

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19. ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ref: Council - NSC 137 and 137/1; Memos, June 2 and 30, July 3 and July 14, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 812 and 840; Plan. Bd. - Record of Meeting, July 1, 1953

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: (1) further consideration by the Planning Board of recommendations 3, 5 and 6 in its memorandum of June 2 pursuant to NSC Action No. 812-d after appointment of a Telecommunications Adviser to ODM, and (2) a Progress Report from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, on the implementation of paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Council action being transmitted by the reference memorandum of July 14 (due October 1, 1953) and on paragraph 3 (due January 1, 1954.)

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Origin: The Council on July 2, 1953, noted the Secretary of the Treasury is undertaking a review of Coast Guard operations, in connection with which he will submit to the National Security Council recommendations regarding matters involving interdepartmental operations (NSC Action No. 830-b)

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Secretary of the Treasury. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration August 13.

2. 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 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 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.

3. 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).

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OF POSSIBLE ANTI-TRUST PROCEEDINGS (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting report from the Attorney General on the results of the above mentioned negotiations by June 1954.

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

Ref: Council - NSC 153/1, 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.

5. JAPANESE TREATY ISLANDS

Ref: Council - NSC 125/6, para. 4; Memo, June 15, 1953; NSC Action No. 824

Origin: On June 25, 1953, the Council: (a) adopted the recommendation of the Department of State, contained in paragraph 13-a-(2) of the enclosure to reference memorandum, to relinquish civil administration over the Amami group to Japan as a matter of policy; subject to the understanding that, in view of the current situation in the Far East, implementation of this policy and any public announcement as proposed in paragraph 13-b will be deferred pending review of the situation by the NSC on the recommendation of the Secretaries of State and Defense within 90 days; and (b) agreed that the Bureau of the Budget, and other interested agencies, should recommend for Council consideration a policy on the civil administration of those Ryukyu Islands remaining under U.S. jurisdiction, which would reduce U. S. responsibility for such civil administration as rapidly as compatible with U. S. military requirements (NSC Action No. 824).

Current Status: Awaiting (a) review of the situation by the Council before September 25 upon the recommendation

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of the Secretaries of State and Defense pursuant to NSC Action No. 824-a, and (b) a proposed policy by the Secretary of Defense on the civil administration of those Ryukyu Islands remaining under U.S. jurisdiction.

6. CERTAIN EUROPEAN ISSUES AFFECTING THE UNITED STATES
Ref: Council - NSC 115; Memo, June 23, 1953

Origin: At the request of the Presidential letter to the President from Ambassador Draper transmitting a study on the subject was circulated to the Council for consideration and study by the reference memorandum of June 23.

Current Status: Awaiting the views of the incoming Joint Chiefs of Staff on the letter and report from Ambassador Draper. (Due September 1.)

