

Pointing to the report of a resident inquired about the report that the Central Government still had plans to a portion of the eastern part of Sumatra. Mr. Dulles explained that the local commander at Medan was still in the Central Government's hands.

Having finished his report, Mr. Dulles presented the Acting Secretary of State for his comments on the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee as established by the President.

Secretary Dulles replied that in general he agreed with the Committee's recommendations, and added that indeed the actions constituted no radical departure from our past policy and actions vis-a-vis Indonesia. Secretary Dulles stated that the Committee's program was probably as feasible as any program possible in its execution.

Asked for his opinion, the Acting Secretary of Defense, Mr. Brucker, said that the Department of Defense approved the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee. However, he wanted to say that he wished to add a suggestion with respect to the text of paragraph 9 of the Special Report. He proceeded to read a portion of paragraph 9 very much along the lines of the original text of the proposal which had been submitted to the Planning Board by the Department of Defense. The version recommended by the Planning Board.

Upon hearing Secretary Brucker's proposal, Mr. Dulles expressed the opinion that the proposal contained elements which could not appropriately be placed in a NSI publication. Mr. Dulles added that the Planning Board had considered the proposal.

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Secretary Brusker, but had reported that the President had just suggested that Secretary Boarder of the Department of Defense was the person that people should be agreed thoroughly with the State Department. He said he would bring this other version to the attention of the National Security Council.

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The National Security Council

- a. Noted and discussed the [Redacted] Report prepared by the interdepartmental committee pursuant to NSC 5416. A [Redacted] reference memorandum dated September 1, 1954, and recommendations and recommendations thereon by the [Redacted] Board, transmitted by the reference memorandum of September 13, 1954, in the light of the views of the Chiefs of Staff as reported at the meeting of the [Redacted] oral briefing on the [Redacted] in the presence of the Director of Central Intelligence.
- b. Adopted the [Redacted] of the [Redacted] Committee in the [Redacted] and the following amendments:

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- 2. Noted the observation by the Secretary of State that there is inherent flexibility in the Board's approach to the application of its recommendations...
- 3. Noted that the 1955 denunciation of the agreement with Indonesia relative to proceeds of arms March, 1956, F. I. M. agreement, was approved for the United States in the December 1955... cities in paragraph 10 of the Special Report...
- 4. Agreed that the interests of the Navy and the Council should be considered in the national interest in dealing with the matters mentioned in paragraph 10 of Annex A of the Special Report.
- 5. Directed the NSC Staff to report to the Board in the light of the Special Report and the Board's recommendations...

NOTE: The Special Report on Indonesia, as amended, together with the statement of the Board above, as approved by the President, will be Operations Council working Board as the designated agency designated by NSC 5412, per the instructions of NSC 5412 regarding Indonesia.

The action on this report, as approved by the Board, is subsequently being referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

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2. TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947

Mr. Cutler asked the President if he wished to make any comment with respect to his statement (mimeographed copy of which had been distributed to the members of the Council) regarding the Tenth Anniversary of the National Security Act of 1947. The President said that he wished to allude to the work of the Council which the Council had before it and to a statement by Mr. Lay, the Executive Secretary of the Council. After reading his statement of appreciation of Mr. Lay's services to the Council, the President turned to Mr. Lay and said that he preferred the old Anglo-Saxon custom of expressing appreciation in the French custom of kissing the hand of the recipient. In this case, however, he wished to express appreciation and appreciation to Jimmy Lay, Executive Secretary of the Council, for his remarks.

The National Security Council

Noted the President's comment to all participants at the Tenth Anniversary of the National Security Act of 1947, as distributed to the members and officials of the Council, and subsequent remarks at the meeting.

"September marks the tenth anniversary of the National Security Act. Under it, the Division of Defense was set up on September 19, 1947, and the Council first met on September 23, 1947.

"It seems appropriate that a word be said in public statement on this significant and important day and that a compliment be paid to the Council's work.

"At this anniversary Council meeting, I wish to add a personal word of appreciation of the work through the Council's ten years and its meetings. For the last seven years, as its Executive Secretary, he has made a career of tireless and devoted service to the President. His self-effacement and his obscure but all-important contribution towards the effective conduct of the Council's business is a model of a public servant commending in his lowly Secretaryship.

3. U. S. POLICY TOWARD FORMER AND PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CHINA

(NSC 5503; Memo for NSC Planning Board, "Summary Report by the Interdepartmental Committee on Government Programs", dated December 2, 1950; NSC Action Memorandum 1624-c; NIE 44-2-57; Memo for JIC from Kennedy, dated subject: "U. S. Policy Toward Former and Present Government of the Republic of China", dated September 11, 1950)

Mr. Cutler pointed out that Secretary Dulles had stated that the National Security Council had not at this meeting made changes in the policy on Formosa proposed by the Committee because he wished to talk first with the Secretaries of State just returned from the Far East. Mr. Cutler said that he had agreed that Mr. Cutler should give the Executive Committee this time because, as Mr. Dulles said, this would be thinking about the two big problems of the Executive Committee before the Council acted at its next meeting. A copy of the report and the Annexes hereto are attached to this memorandum (minutes of the meeting are attached to this memorandum and are not included in the minutes of the meeting.)

At the end of his presentation of the report, Mr. Cutler asked Secretary Dulles and Mr. Boardman whether they would make any comments at this time. Mr. Boardman said they would withhold comment until the next meeting.

The National Security Council:

- a. Noted the draft report and the Annexes hereto and the NSC Planning Board's report to NSC 5503, dated December 2, 1950, and transmitted the report and Annexes to the Chiefs of Staff for their comments by December 15, 1950. A summary of reports is being prepared.
- b. Referred action on the above report and Annexes to the Board until the next meeting of the Board.

4. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U. S. SECURITY

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The King and Sarit had now installed a. The new government the former Thai Ambassador to the United States and the former Secretary of the NEAM organization. The new Premier, was perhaps not a very strong figure, but a man and very pro-Western in his sympathies. Meanwhile, assurances had been given to Ambassador Bishop by the King on their devotion to the interests of the West. The King insisted that it was even more strongly anti-Communist than his predecessor. Despite all these assurances, continued the situation is still much in the situation of Thailand which will be watching.

Mr. Larson inquired whether there had been any invitation to the King of Siam to visit the United States. Dulles replied that he had heard of nothing along that line, though it might be possible that the King would have been held in Siam.

The Vice President inquired as to the possibility of military assistance to Thailand and our military personnel in Thailand. What were we giving the Thai armed forces, and what contact had been forged between our military personnel in Thailand and the military leaders, and particularly Sarit? Could these military leaders be helpful to us in the present situation? Mr. Dulles replied that such relations had been cordial right up to the present. Secretary of State Roberts said he wished to point out that Sarit was suffering from diarrhoea of the river, and probably had been in Thailand for six months to two years.

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Secretary Robertson noted that Sarit's appointment as Prime Minister of India was by all odds the most anti-American in the world. On the other hand, Sarit has been at the very greatest pains to announce his intentions, and has not appointed any high-ranking Western Prime Minister in the world of Indian.

The Director of Central Intelligence has been briefed on the Soviet ICBM program. He has also been briefed on the progress of the last meeting of the National Security Council on the subject of the ICBM program. The meeting was held on September 14, 1954, and was attended by the Director of Central Intelligence, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of State. The meeting was held in the presence of the President and the Vice President.

The National Security Council

Noted and discussed the report of the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject, with particular reference to the situation in the Middle East, and the Soviet tests of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

5. U. S. POLICY TOWARD ITALY

(NSC 5411/2; Progress Report, dated September 14, 1954, on NSC 5411/2)

Mr. Cutler presented a brief analysis of the Italian Report on Italy, paying special attention to the head of the Government oil monopoly, Signor Bartoli, and the attitude of the Government with the Iranians. The maneuvering endangered the possibility of profit-sharing principle, and the Government's concern over the new Formosa agreement.

Secretary Dulles commented that it was clear that there was nothing sacred about the Formosa agreement, and it was a matter of government policy.

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The President likewise should appear at the meeting to discuss the question whether or not it is necessary to have a meeting of this nature.

The National Security Council:

Noted the reference to the Report of the Committee on Operations Coordination.

J. Edgar Hoover
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