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THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

on the implementation of

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO KOREA
(NSC 6/2)



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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SIDNEY W. SOUERS,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 123, October 6, 1948, the following progress report on the implementation of NSC 8/2, "The Position of the United States with Respect to Korea," is submitted for the information of the Council (Paragraph references are to Conclusions of NSC 8/2):

1. Paragraph 3 c - With the concurrence of the Department of State on May 14, 1949, the Department of the Army downgraded the security classification of the plan for US troop withdrawal from SECRET to RESTRICTED (except the June 30, 1949 completion date which retains the secret classification) in order that military withdrawal implementing actions might proceed to completion by June 30, 1949.

2. Paragraph 3 d - Military equipment required to meet the Army's responsibility for equipping the Korean Security Forces is, for the most part, already in the hands of the Koreans. The remainder is to come from three sources: (1) from all except one battalion of the 5th Infantry, reinforced, at the time of withdrawal from Korea, (2) from Far East Command stocks prior to June 30, 1949, and (3) from zone of the Interior Army stocks. Any residual items from the latter source which arrive in Korea after June 30, will be received and delivered to the Koreans by the US Military Advisory Group.

3. Paragraph 3 g - On May 20, the Bureau of the Budget approved for submission to Congress an ECA Fiscal Year 1950 program in the amount of \$150 million.

4. Paragraph 3 h - On May 25 the Bureau of the Budget approved for submission to Congress an informational, cultural, educational and exchange of persons program for Korea in the amount of \$1,955,000 for Fiscal Year 1950. This program is to be integrated with the Department of State's general program covering these operations, authorized by Public Law 402.

/s/ JAMES E. WEBB

Acting Secretary

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