NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

PROGRESS REPORT

by

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

on the implementation of

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO KOREA

(MDC 6/2)

June 8, 1940
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SIDNEY W. BOURBIS,
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 Depart-
ment of State on May 14, 1949, the Department of the Army down-
graded the security classification of the plan for US troop with-
drawal from SHORUT 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 24, the Bureau of the Budget
approved for submission to Congress an information, 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 inte-
grated with the Department of State's general program covering these
operations, authorized by Public Law 402.

/s/ JAMES E. WEBB
Acting Secretary