NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

PROGRESS REPORT

by

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

on the implementation of

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO NORMA
(SEC 8/2)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SIDNEY W. SOUBERS,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 123, October 6, 1948, the following progress report on the implementation of NSC 8/6, "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 8/6).

1. Paragraph 3 c - Effective midnight, June 30, 1949, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Korea (USAFIK) was discontinued following the departure from Korea on June 29 of the last elements of that Command. The United Nations Commission on Korea observed the embarkation of these troops, whose departure marked the completion of the withdrawal of United States occupation forces from Korea.

2. Paragraph 3 d - Equipment required to meet the Department of the Army's responsibility for equipping the Korean Security Forces is in the hands of Koreans except for minor items enroute from Zone of the Interior Army stocks. An unresolved problem is the apparent non-availability of additional patrol craft whose transfer to the Korean Coast Guard has been strongly recommended by our Ambassador in Seoul.

3. Paragraph 3 e - Effective July 1, 1949, the United States Military Advisory Group to the Republic of Korea (USMAG) was established and activated. A press release on this subject was issued by the Department of State on June 8.

4. Paragraph 3 g - Pursuant to a message of June 7 from the President requesting the extension of economic aid to Korea, to be administered by the ECA, hearings by Congressional Committees were begun, but not completed.

5. Paragraph 3 h - Hearings by Congressional Committees were begun, but not completed, on the Department of State's informational, cultural, educational and exchange of persons program for Korea.
6. Paragraph 3 k - As a means of emphasizing the fact that the imminent departure of United States occupation forces from Korea would in no way constitute a lessening of United States interest in the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Department of State, on June 8, issued a statement outlining the assistance already extended to that Government and the further assistance which it was intended should be granted.

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