NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

PROGRESS REPORT

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

on the implementation of

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO KOREA
(NEG 8/2)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES S. LAY, JR.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Implementation of NSC 8/2, during the period from August 1, 1949 through December 31, 1949.

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 260, November 18, 1949, 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 d. The beginning of this period saw the substantial completion of the transfer to the Republic of Korea of more than $56 million in military equipment and supplies for the Korean Army, Coast Guard and Police.

2. Paragraph 3 f. On October 6 the President signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, Section 302 of which authorizes the expenditure of not to exceed $27,040,000 for Iran, Korea, and the Philippines, of which amount approximately $10.2 million is presently earmarked for the Republic of Korea.

On December 17 a detailed program covering the expenditure of the latter amount was presented to the Government of the Republic of Korea by a State Army MDA Survey Team and agreed to by that Government.

On December 19 the American Mission in Korea submitted a formal request for approximately $9.8 million in additional military assistance funds for Korea under Section 303 of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act.

3. Paragraph 3 g. Although Congress adjourned without approving the entire ECA Fiscal Year 1950 program of $150 million, the House and Senate did pass, on October 7, the Third Deficiency Appropriations Bills, H.R. 3123, which included a provision for $30 million in aid to Korea. On October 17 the House and Senate enacted and passed a rider to the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, H.R. 3836, providing another $30 million in economic aid to Korea. Through these bills a total of $50 million has been appropriated.
for economic assistance to Korea for the first seven and a half months of Fiscal Year 1950. The Economic Cooperation Administration, with the support of the Department of State, has prepared a request for $60 million for further economic assistance during Fiscal Year 1950 which it is expected will be submitted for the consideration of the Congress in January.

4. Paragraph 3 h. On October 6, 1949 the Congress approved H.R. 5300 (P.L. 343) which contains provision for $1.8 million for informational, cultural, educational and exchange of persons programs in Korea. Implementation of these programs is now being carried out by the Department and the Embassy.

5. Paragraph 3 j. The United Nations General Assembly on October 21 adopted (48-5-3) a resolution on Korea, sponsored jointly by the United States, Australia, China and the Philippines, providing for the continuation of a seven-nation United Nations Commission on Korea, with the added authority to observe and report any developments which might lead to or otherwise involve military conflict in Korea.

On October 22 the Republic of Korea was admitted to associate membership in the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), and on November 23 to membership in the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

In addition to this support evinced by the United Nations, a total of twenty-seven member states have so far extended recognition to the Government of the Republic of Korea.

6. Upon receipt of this report, the contents of NSC 8/2 may be considered as downgraded to SECRET.

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