

SWNCC 334 - SUB-COMMITTEE, REARMAMENT OF
FRENCH AIR FORCES

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9 March 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL T. CULBERTSON, Steering
Member of Ad Hoc Committee on
Rearmament of French Air Force.

The attached copy of JCS 1270, which was approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 26 February 1945, and a copy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff letter dated 26 February to the Secretary of War and Navy are forwarded to you in connection with your study of SWNCC 17.

It is requested that this Copy 73 of JCS 1270 be returned to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee after it has served its purpose.

V. F. FIELD,
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral L. A. Davidson.
(Operations; room 2063)

Subj: State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee Ad Hoc
Committee for consideration of French Air
Armament - Request for membership on.

1. Captain Clarence O. Taff has been nominated as the Navy
Air Member to attend the Ad Hoc Working Committee to handle
air problems coming before the SWNCC.

cc:

ASNA

Captain Taff

State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee



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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul T. Culbertson (Steering Member)(S-2124)
Major General L. S. Kuter (W-5833)
Captain C. O. Taff (N-2887)

Subject: Alternate Member for ad hoc Committee Appointed
to Study Rearmament of French Air Forces.

1. Brigadier General Glen C. Jamison, Army Air Forces, is designated as an alternate for Major General L. S. Kuter on the ad hoc Committee appointed by SWNCC memorandum dated 12 February 1945.

For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

WALLACE E. WHITSON
Secretary

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Memorandum for _____

Subject: alternate member for ad hoc
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For the SWNCC

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Major General L. S. Kuter (W-5833)
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4. SWNCC 17 is forwarded herewith, together with a copy of that portion of the minutes of the ninth meeting of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee pertaining to this matter.

For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

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February 12, 1945

WE-Mr. Culbertson:

For your information there is given below extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee on February 9, 1945:

"Rearmament of French Air Forces

"Mr. Dunn noted Mr. McCloy's recommendation in SWNCC 17 that a thorough study of the problem of equipping French air units be made by an ad hoc committee prior to submission of a formal reply to the British proposals in this regard. Admiral Willson stated that he felt the problem is not one susceptible to a quick decision and questioned whether it should be resolved as a general proposition prior to submission of an answer to the British. Mr. Dunn explained that informal and oral concurrence had been given to the British proceeding with the equipping of these air units for the French but there was no reason why the question should not be thoroughly explored by an ad hoc committee.

"Mr. Gates felt it undesirable to commit the United States to a considerable fixed British participation in furnishing aircraft to the French for the reason that we are at present ourselves furnishing the British with many aircraft and are well able to compete with the British as to quality of planes. He noted the possibility of our furnishing aircraft to the French which, though obsolete for combat, are adequate for policing and reconnaissance purposes.

"Mr. Gates stated that the question will involve the training of French air crews and ground crews as well as the furnishing of planes. Admiral Willson added that rearmament of French air forces must necessarily be considered together with the equipping of other French forces. (Mr. Gates left the meeting at this point; Mr. Kane thereafter acted for him.)

"General Hildring emphasized that in undertaking the study it must be remembered that France, because of her ability as a manufacturing nation, cannot be considered as a long-term market for U. S. planes and other munitions. Admiral Willson felt that the question of the French obtaining licenses and rights to manufacture United States equipment will be more important. Probably the question of markets elsewhere than in France should also be considered.

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"Mr. Dunn stated that the British aide-memoire of February 6, with respect to a request by the French for permission to manufacture 100 Mosquito aircraft in France (Addendum to SWNCC 17) requires prompt action. Mr. Kane recommended that this question also be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee but as a matter of priority.

"Colonel Zimmerman called attention to the recommendations contained in the Joint Chiefs of Staff letter to the Secretary of State of 11 October 1944 (Annex 'A' to Appendix 'A' of SWNCC 17) that tripartite consultation with Russia precede action to implement proposals for rearmament of the French.

"THE COMMITTEE agreed:

(1) that an ad hoc committee be formed to study and make recommendations concerning:

a. The French proposal to manufacture 100 Mosquito aircraft. (This question to be considered a matter of priority.)

b. The equipment of French air forces (the terms of reference to be sufficiently broad to permit consideration of related matters such as equipment of other French forces).

(2) The Ad Hoc Committee's attention should be called to the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendation concerning tripartite consultation including Russia.

"Mr. Dunn named Mr. Paul T. Culbertson as the State Department representative on the Ad Hoc Committee. War and Navy Department representatives will be named."

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