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1	J. J. McCloy	1/27/45	SWNCC	Correspondence re U. S. - Soviet Agreement as to care of Soviet citizens and U.S. Prisoners of War (Cross reference 383.6, ^{Russia} serial #1)
2				Minutes 5th Meeting of SWNCC, Policy with Respect to Russia.
3	Mr. Stimson	2/6/45	Mr. Grew	Correspondence, with attachments, re nationals of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
4				Minutes SWNCC meeting 2/9 re Agreement between U.S. and USSR concerning prisoners of war (Cross Reference 383.6, Russia, serial #2)
5				U.S. - USSR Agreement as to care and repatriation of U.S. and USSR citizens and prisoners of war. (Cross Reference 383.6, Russia, serial 3).
6	Mr. McCloy	2/5/45	Under Sect. of State	Letter concerning mistreatment of Soviet prisoners of war (Cross Reference 383.6, serial 4).
7		3/9/45		SWNCC 46, Interpretation of U.S.-Soviet Reciprocal Agreement on Liberated Prisoners of War and Civilians. (Cross reference 383.6, serial 5.)
8	Mr. Cox	3/9/45	Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Gufler	Memo re memorandum to Secretary of State to be signed by Mr. Dunn (Cross reference 383.6, serial 6).
9		3/10/45		SWNCC 46/1. (Cross reference 383.6, serial 7).
10	Mr. Dunn	3/9/45	Sect. State	Memo re agreements between U.S. and USSR on prisoners of war and civilians. (Cross Reference 383.6 serial 8).
11	Adm. Leahy	3/7/45	Sect. War & Navy	" " (Cross reference 383.6 serial 9).

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13	Col. McCarthy	3/24/45	JCS	Memo re SWNCC 46 and 46/2 (Cross Reference 383.6 Prisoners of War Russia, serial 11).
14	Mr. Grew	3/24/45	Mr. Stimson	Letter re reciprocal agreements on liberated prisoners of war and civilians (Cross Reference 383.6 Prisoners of War Russia, serial 12).
15		3/24/45		SWNCC 46/2, Interpretation of U.S.-Soviet Reciprocal Agreement on Liberated Prisoners of War and Civilians (Cross Reference 383.6 Prisoners of War Russia, serial 13).
16	Col. Pennoyer	4/3/45		Memo to files re construction of air-fields north of Athens.
17	Mr. Hensel	4/2/45	Mr. Grew	Letter appointing Cmdr. Faigle to U. S. Reparations Mission at Moscow.
18	Mr. Dunn	4/16/45	Sect. Stimson	Letter re conversion of standard gauge railways to broad gauge by Soviets in Eastern Europe.
19	Col. Peck	4/17/45	Col. McCarthy	Memo: Repatriation of Russians Recaptured in the ETO
20	Mr. Stimson	4/27/45	Mr. Dunn	Letter re conversion of standard gauge railways to broad gauge by Soviets.
21	Sec of War	4/20/45	Sec of State	Letter re Soviet prisoners of war held in American camps in England (cross reference 383.6, Prisoners of War, Russia, serial 14)
22		5/16/45		SWNCC 46/3 U.S.-Soviet Reciprocal Agreement on Liberated Prisoners of War and Civilians (cross reference 383.6, Prisoners of War, Russia, serial 15)
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25	Sec. of War (Asst)	11/24/45	Mr. Matthews	Letter re: Ambassador Harriman's cable Moscow 3771 of 5/11/45.
26	Sec. of War	12/22/45	Sec. of State	Letter re: Matter of alleged ill treatment of the Soviet flag and dispossession of Soviet citizens in Shanghai etc.
27	Kenneth C. Royall	1/10/46	Sec. of State	Letter re: alleged ill treatment of the Soviet flag and dispossession of Soviet citizens in Shanghai.
XX 28	Gen. McFarland Mr. Matthews	3/13/46 3/14/46	SWNCC Sec. of State	Re: U.S. Security interests in the Eastern Mediterranean.
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X X 33	Col. McFarland Mr. Hickerson	6/18/46 6/19/46	SWNCC Sec. of State	Re: Estimate based on Assumption of Occurrence of Major Hostilities.
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35	Copy No. 26 JCS	1704/1	- MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT TURKISH SITUATION.	
36	Gen. Norstad	11/1/46	SUMMARY: Alleged Killing of Soviet Sergeant by U.S. Army Sentry.	
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XX9	Capt. Lalor JCS SWNCC, State Mbr.	19 Aug 47 20 Aug 47	SWNCC Sec. of State	Re: Political Estimate of Soviet Policy For use in Connection with Military Studies.
40	Act. Sec. Lovett	8/27/47	Sec. of War 7 Navy	Re: Note of interest in the recent message from Moscow quoting and article entitled "Battle for grain is battle for strengthening power of our country". Grain is the stronghold of international auth. and independence of Soviet Union accord to Soviet author.
41	Mr. Saltzman Sec. Schulgen	9 Dec. 47 10 Dec 47	Sec. SANACC Army, Navy, Air Force Mbr. SANA-5854	RE: Circular Message to Certain American Diplomatic Officers - reviewed character and scope of US info. policy in attainment of national objectives.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, SANACC

Subject: Circular Cable concerning Information Policy

It is requested that the attached circular message to American Diplomatic Officers concerning information policy be given a special limited distribution for the information of the service members of SANACC.

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CHARLES E. SALTZMAN
State Member

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ARMY MEMBER
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At the request of the State Member, the attached circular message to American diplomatic officers concerning information policy is circulated for the information of the Army, Navy, and Air Force Members of the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee.

The State Member has also requested that the enclosure be given Special Limited Distribution.

W. A. SCHULGEN,
Acting Secretary

Enclosure:
Circular Message to
Diplomatic Officers (4 Dec 47)

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4 December 1947

In view current campaign of anti-American propaganda recently referred to by Secretary in his speech NOV 18, DEPT has reviewed character and scope of US information policy in furtherance of attainment of national objectives.

There follows summary of a statement which constitutes a broad framework within which particular policies on specific issues and directed toward specific areas are to be defined. This statement is not directive but rather set of assumptions which, in DEPT's view, must underlie until further notice, measures taken to counteract current anti-American propaganda campaign.

To report truth objectively and factually continues to be basic principle of our information policy. However, this policy is to be sharpened by focusing on and when appropriate replying directly to specific anti-US charges with attribution to their origin. In addition to disseminating truth about aims and policies of the US many other truthful facts will be revealed in order to expose and discredit propaganda directed against the US.

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US information policy should direct its efforts toward

(1) impressing the peoples of world with reliability, consistency and seriousness of the US and its policies;

(2) convincing peoples of world that US motives and policies are in their own best interests and that US is capable of carrying them out;

(3) exposing extent to which Soviet motives and policies are not in best interests of free countries. This would include exposure of inconsistencies and insincerity of Soviet policies as well as demonstration of falsity of Soviet Union's charges against us.

Propaganda patterns of Soviet Union should not repeat not be imitated lest foreign peoples believe that US is engaged in competition for world domination with Soviet Union.

We should utilize every means to alleviate the overpowering fear of imminent war.

Material will be used which will sharpen contrast between US policies and way of life and those of Soviet Union and its satellite regimes, in terms of human values. Consequences of systems of government and policies based on other than democratic and peaceful principles will be truthfully exposed.

Direct replies to anti-American charges and criticism of Soviet actions and policies should be used only when they represent the best means of strengthening the foreign policy of US by

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convincing people of third countries that their vital interests are supported by our policies and actions and menaced by those of the USSR.

US should not give impression that it is on defensive or vulnerable to hostile charges but rather that Soviet policy where it conflicts with ours works to detriment of interests of the foreign country or area involved, while US policy consistently supports principles implicit in Charter of United Nations.

Primary emphasis continues to be placed on the positive and forceful presentation of US foreign policy and of the democratic values and way of life of the American people, particularly as these have a direct bearing on the lives, well being and fundamental beliefs of other people.

Within framework set forth in preceding paragraph US information policy will (a) criticize Soviet policies and anti-American propaganda when these obstruct the attainment of US national objectives particularly in terms of the vital interests of the people of the country concerned; (b) openly take cognizance when desirable of the major themes of anti-American propaganda, impute their dissemination to Soviet Union and communist parties throughout the world, expose falsehoods, correct errors and state the motives for distortion; (c) expose discrepancy between professed Soviet ideals and actual practice on major issues which illustrate distinction between the democratic and totalitarian forms of government.

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There is to be no repeat no personal vilification or abuse Soviet and communist leaders.

DEPT will forward full text statement summarized above.* Chiefs of Mission are requested exercise greatest discretion in discussion of statement and to communicate contents only to those officers who need be informed for carrying out their work. Missions are requested to send back continuously to DEPT information on events and issues in their area which can be used support information program as outlined above. DEPT will appreciate reactions and comments to full information policy statement.

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* Will be furnished by Department of State at a later date.

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Dear Ken:

You may be interested in the recent message from Moscow quoting an article entitled "Battle for grain is battle for strengthening power of our country". The Soviet author of this article states that the strength and power of the Soviet Union depends, in the main, on the grain reserves in the hands of the Government. He concludes by stating, "Grain is the stronghold of the international authority and independence of the Soviet Union. The more grain our Government has, the greater is its strength in the international arena".

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT A. LOVETT

Acting Secretary

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The Honorable
Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of War

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2 August 1945

Lt. Hugh D. Farley, USNR
Secretary, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee
Subcommittee for the Far East
4302 Munitions Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lt. Farley:

In the absence of Dr. G. T. Robinson, I am forwarding
herewith two copies of the following list, as you requested:

List of R & A Reports Prepared by the USSR Division,
September 1941 - July 1945

It is hoped that this list will prove an adequate guide
for your purposes. We shall be happy to be of further assistance
to the Committee.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John A. Morrison
Acting Chief, USSR Division
Research and Analysis Branch
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war 11/2/45

Encl:
List of R&A Reports (in dup.)

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67	Lines of communication between the U.S. and the Russo-German war zone. 16 September 1941	Secret	53
71	Supply routes from the U.S. to the Russo-German war zone. 22 December 1941	Secret	282
213	Vulnerability of supply routes to Russia thru Iran. Undated	Confidential	8
268	Winter transport conditions from Sakhalin island to the Siberian mainland. 3 April 1942	Confidential	8
269	Northern Supply route to Soviet Russia: capacity of ports, railways, and rivers. 6 April 1942	Secret	19
296	Spruce forests and spruce exports of the Soviet Union. 11 June 1942	Secret	8
362	Supply routes to Central USSR and China. 30 October 1942	Secret	22
556	Supply routes to China thru Russia. 31 July 1942	Secret	12
601	Climatic conditions on the Russian front. 28 February 1942	Confidential	9
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670	Winter shipping possibilities in the sea of Okhotsk - northwestern shore. 21 September 1942	Secret	26
671	Russian economic potential in Southeastern Siberia. 30 September 1942	Confidential	111
672	Agriculture and the food problem in Caucasia. 1 October 1942	Secret	9
673	Nationality problem and morale in Caucasia. 6 October 1942	Secret	17
675 HB	Harbors and ice conditions in Northern Kamchatka and adjacent waters. 20 October 1942	Confidential	45
690	Winter shipping possibilities in the Bering Sea. II-Siberia side 11 September 1942	Secret	38
691	Land routes in Northern Kamchatka and adjacent territory. 28 December 1942	Secret	47
721	Survey of Southeastern Siberia. 19 March 1942	Confidential	51
778	Strategic Survey of Northeastern Siberia. 7 August 1942	Confidential	151
1004	Russian national income and defense expenditures. 8 September 1943	Confidential	15
HDF ✓ 1109	Bases of Soviet foreign policy. 1 September 1943	Secret	17
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1223	Russian Withdrawal from Sinkiang. 28 December 1943	Secret	10
✓ 1228	Conflicts and Agreements of Interest Between the British and the Russians in France. 30 December 1943	Secret	27
✓ 1244	Russo-Turkish relations since 1939. 9 October 1943	Secret	19
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1570	Russian Foreign Economic Relations and her Interest in International Monetary Stabilization. 13 Decem- ber 1943	Confidential	39
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✓ 1599	Conflicts and Agreements on Interest Between the British and the Russians in Poland. 28 March 1944	Secret	27
1670	Trends in the Status of the Russian Worker. 22 December 1943	Secret	29
1688	Civilian Health in the USSR Part I: Civilian Medical Care and Incidences of Disease in the USSR. 31 October 1944	Confidential	116
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2060	Russian reconstruction and post-war foreign trade developments 9 September 1944	Confidential	66
2060.1	Prospects for postwar imports from Russia of selected commodities. 11 May 1944	Confidential	11
2073	Russian aims in Germany and the problems of three-power cooperation	Secret	
2094.1	Soviet rehabilitation policies and practice in the Liberated Areas of the USSR. Introduction and Part I. Housing. 25 May 1944	Confidential	62
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BWH-4948
8 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

Subject: Negotiations with Soviets Concerning American Oil Interests in Eastern Austria.

The enclosed message is forwarded to the State Department at the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the State-Mar-Navy Coordinating Committee:

J. H. HILLDRING,
Chairman

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From: COMCON USFA Vienna Austria site PASGS from Clark

To: War Department for JCS; Pass to State Dept

Nr: P 6325

3 December 1946

Subject is present state of negotiations with Soviets concerning American Oil interests in the Zistersdorf oil fields of Eastern Austria.

As you know, all oil processed by Socony Vacuum Oil Company since the Soviets seized and established controls over the Austrian Oil Industry a year ago has been delivered by the owning companies to the Soviet Mineral Oil Administration, by order of the Soviet Commander. Despite repeated efforts, including numerous conferences with Soviet Officials up to the highest level here in Austria, we have failed completely in our attempt to get the Soviets either to recognize United States ownership rights in the Socony properties or to pay Socony for the oil it has been required to deliver into Soviet control. The latest of these conferences have been held during the past two weeks.

It is now apparent that the Soviet attitude in this matter is as follows:

1. That the Soviet Mineral Oil Administration and its monopolistic distributing organization have no desire or intention of meeting the recontractual obligations by paying for the large quantities of crude oil and finished petroleum products which the American producing fields and refineries are forced by the Russians to deliver to them.
2. That promises by the Soviet Mineral Oil Administration and even higher Russian military officials to effect settlement of these outstandings (nearly 30,000,000 Austrian Schillings) on the fulfillment of constantly changing demands, all of which are irrelevant, impractical and totally unacceptable, are simply evasive measures adopted to avoid categorical refusal to pay.
3. That it is the desire and intention of the Soviet Mineral Oil Administration to force the American Petroleum Companies into bankruptcy, thereby permitting their complete seizure and operation by the Russians. (The American Petroleum Companies already have been arbitrarily and illegally excluded from their legitimate and long established petroleum distribution rights in Vienna and the

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Soviet Zone).

4. That the Soviet Mineral Oil Administration has no desire or intention of restoring to their rightful owners those American Petroleum properties which were taken over by the Germans during the war without compensation and later seized and still held by the Russians.

5. That the Russian Government has no intention of returning or offering compensation for the large quantities of American petroleum machinery and equipment forcibly seized and removed by the Russians under the guise of war booty.

Thus the prevalent opinion that the critical shortage of petroleum products in Austria is entirely the result of large petroleum exports by the Russians from Austria to foreign countries is well founded.

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SM-7176
5 December 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, STATE-WAR-NAVY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject: Negotiations with Soviets
Concerning American Oil
Interests in Eastern Austria.

Enclosure: CM-IN-440 (4 Dec 46) Copy No. 123.

The enclosed message from the Commanding
General, U.S. Forces of Occupation, Austria, Vienna,
Austria, is forwarded for transmittal to the State
Department.

W. G. Lalor
W. G. LALOR,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Deputy Secretary.

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P&O 250 (22 Oct 46)

Alleged Killing of Soviet Sergeant by U.S. Army Sentry

1 Nov 46

SUMMARY

1. A letter from Under Secretary of State Acheson to the Secretary of War, dated 22 October 1946, forwarded a copy of a note dated 19 October 1946 from Soviet Embassy requesting investigation of the killing of a Soviet Sergeant by a United States Army sentry in Berlin on 2 September 1946.

2. The attached letter prepared for the signature of the Secretary of War gives result of investigation as conducted and reported by Commanding General, United States Forces European Theater.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter for the signature of the Secretary of War be dispatched to the State Department.

COORDINATION

Concur - ID - Major Lewis, Ext. 71434

1 Incl - Ltr to Sec. of State from Sec. of War dated 1 Nov 46

(S) LAURIS NORSTAD
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of 22 October 1946 transmitting a copy of a note received from the Soviet Embassy dated 19 October 1946 which requested that the United States Government conduct a careful investigation of the shooting and killing of Soviet Senior Sergeant Kondrashkin by a United States Army sentry in Berlin on 2 September 1946.

The text of the Soviet note was transmitted to the United States Forces European Theater who furnished the following information:

"On 2 September 1946, Pvt W.D. Hicks, 44103200, Company L, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 19 years of age, was posted at 0800 hours as a guard at the entrance to the ammunition dump. About 1200 hours of the same day, a small open Berlin taxicab, driven by a German civilian and occupied by Captain Ivan F. Resnichenko and Sgt Stepan Jakovich Kondrashkin, of the Soviet Army, approached the post. Pvt Hicks held out his left hand to wave the taxicab down and shouted "halt", but it proceeded past his post and into the ammunition dump area. After shouting "halt" several times, during which the vehicle continued to proceed, he fired one shot in the direction of the taxicab, which by that time had proceeded about fifty yards from his post into the restricted area. The Soviet Sergeant was seated on the right side of the rear seat of the taxicab and the bullet entered his neck and came out through the left jaw, resulting in death within a short time.

"A gang of ten German railroad workmen were working on the railroad adjoining the road in the ammunition dump, about eighty yards from the sentry post, all of whom heard one or more shouts by the guard and the shot.

"The Soviet note fails to mention that Pvt Hicks held out his hand to wave the vehicle down and that he shouted "halt" several times before firing.

"Furthermore, the Soviet note fails to mention that Captain Ivan F.

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Reznichenko, Soviet Army, who was riding with Sgt Kondrashkin, testified that he saw 'the guard standing near the little guard house'. On further questioning, Captain Reznichenko testified that 'the sentry was standing right next to the sentry box'.

"From all the evidence submitted, Hicks was acting in accordance with the instructions currently in force as published in Operations Memoranda Number 4, Berlin District routine security, dated 25 May 1946. This memorandum sets forth the conditions under which sentries are justified in use of weapons.

"The road on which the shooting took place was not a main road but a clearly marked private road running only to the US ammunition dump and a US shooting range, and led to no non-US territory or installation either directly or by any contiguous roadway."

The Commanding General of United States Forces European Theater states that the above investigation was conducted under his personal supervision and that it is thoroughly documented. In his opinion, a prima facie case of murder or the lesser included offenses of voluntary manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter does not exist nor are there sufficient facts to warrant trial on any charges by court-martial. As a result, charges against Pvt Hicks were dropped on 26 September 1946.

I trust the information furnished above will effectively counter the Soviet charges. In the event any further assistance is needed of the War Department, I assure you prompt attention will be given this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1946

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received a note dated October 19, 1946 from the Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Embassy which relates an incident on September 2, 1946 in the American sector of Berlin in which a member of the Soviet Army was allegedly killed by an American sentry named Guks. I am enclosing a copy of a translation of this Soviet note.

The Soviet Government demands that a careful investigation of this case be carried out and the guilty brought to justice, and requests that the action taken by the American authorities in this regard be communicated to it.

I shall be grateful if you will have an appropriate investigation made and communicate to me the facts in the case so that the Department may consider what reply should be made to the Soviet Government.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

/s/ Dean Acheson

Under Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of translation
of note

The Honorable
Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of War
Washington, D C

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TRANSLATION

The Charge D'Affaires presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and upon instructions of the Soviet Government has the honor to bring to your attention the following matter.

On September 2, 1946 Senior Sergeant Kondrashkin of the Soviet Army was passing by in a passenger car an ammunition dump in the Wahnsee district in the American sector of Berlin. The American sentry Guks, who was guarding the ammunition dump at the time when the passenger car of Senior Sergeant Kondrashkin was passing by him, did not warn the Soviet citizens traveling in the automobile that passage was forbidden and did not make any attempt to stop the car. After that as the automobile drove away from him about 70 meters, Guks without any warning deliberately shot and killed Senior Sergeant Kondrashkin.

In connection with the above the Soviet Government insists on the carrying out of a careful investigation of this case and on the bringing to severe punishment of the guilty ones. At the same time the Soviet Government expects that the government of the United States of American will take the necessary measures for the prevention of similar occurrences in the future.

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics hopes that at the same time information will be presented to it as to the result of the investigation and the punishment of the guilty.

The Embassy of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
Washington, October 19, 1946

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P&O 250 (22 Oct 46)

1 Nov 46
Lt Col Todd/3343/bm

SUBJECT: Alleged Shooting of Member of Soviet Army by US Sentry

NOTE FOR RECORD:

1. SD ltr dtd 22 Oct 46 to SW transmitted note dtd 19 Oct from Soviet Embassy and requested info upon which to base reply.
2. RS dtd 24 Oct from AASW to C/S forwarded basic correspondence for necessary action. RS dtd 25 Oct from D C/S to P&O forwards basic correspondence for necessary action and preparation of reply for signature SW.
3. MC-OUT 24876 (26 Oct 46) to USFET from P&O requested information upon which to base reply to State.
4. CM-IN 126 (1 Nov 46) to P&O from Hq Berlin District gave info on killing of Soviet Sgt.
5. Col Bastion, P&O, has hand-carried to SD for their information a copy of CM-IN 126 (1 Nov 46).

ACTION:

6. Ltr prepared for signature SW to Sec State giving information received from USFET re killing of Soviet Sergeant.

COORDINATION:

7. Major Lewis, ID, 71434, 2C765
Mr. Davis, SD, 810 - 2039

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MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT TURKISH SITUATION

Note by the Secretaries

On 23 August 1946 the Joint Chiefs of Staff considered J.C.S. 1704 and agreed to forward the enclosed memorandum to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

A. J. McFARLAND,
C. J. MOORE,
Joint Secretariat.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARIES OF WAR AND THE NAVY

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the military implications in the existing international situation concerning the Turkish Straits and request that these views be furnished the Secretary of State.

The methods and weapons of modern war are such that possession by the Soviets of military base rights in the Dardanelles would not provide for the effective defense of traffic through these Straits unless such rights were extended to include military dominance of the area for several hundred miles in all directions. Furthermore, traffic clearing the Dardanelles must still pass through the island-studded Aegean which is flanked by Greece and Turkey and controlled by Crete. The same logic which would justify Soviet participation in the defense of the Dardanelles would also tend to justify further Soviet military penetration through the Aegean.

Soviet participation in defense of the Turkish Straits would project Soviet military power into an area vital to the Turks. Even though Soviet military privileges and forces within Turkey were nominal, the Soviets have a tremendous capability to reinforce in days or hours a bridgehead within the country. This situation, involving Soviet immediate military dominance of Turkey, would be obvious to all Turks. It is believed this situation would so soften the Turkish attitude toward Russia as to soon result in reducing Turkey to a satellite Soviet state.

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Strategically Turkey is the most important military factor in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East. She is one of the few national entities and the only nation now possessing, according to best available information, a firm resolution to oppose the apparent Soviet policy of expansion in the area. While lacking an effective navy and air force, Turkey possesses a rugged and considerable ground army which, particularly if properly equipped and supported, is capable of offering material resistance, even to the Soviets, if the nation is attacked.

If Russia obtains military dominance of Turkey by political concessions, her military threat is projected so that there is grave doubt that, in case of a major world crisis, the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean could be considered militarily tenable for the non-Soviet powers. Furthermore, the faith and political reliance in the major non-Soviet powers of the Middle Eastern peoples and nations on the periphery of the "iron curtain" is a considerable although intangible factor in U.S. security. This faith and reliance will be gravely affected if not dissipated by success of the Soviets in their present political venture in the direction of the Turkish Straits. The logical result is a further weakening of the present stand of those nations, including Great Britain, peripheral to the "iron curtain", against Soviet pressure and expansionist policy.

From the military standpoint, the Joint Chiefs of Staff view with concern the present world situation. In spite of the written word of the United Nations' Charter, many and major indications point to a calculated Soviet policy of expanding Soviet de facto geographical and political control. Such a Soviet policy has the most serious impact on the vital interests of the United States.

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It is recognized that under present circumstances:

a. Successful opposition of Soviet efforts against Turkey rests primarily on the continuation of the will of the Turkish government and people to take a firm stand against Russian demands.

b. The U.S. people are not well informed concerning the situation which is the subject of this paper and that any useful action, in the interests of U.S. security, is in the end dependent upon their comprehension and support.

c. Britain's immediate security interest in the situation is even more acute than that of the United States.

In light of the foregoing it is suggested that the military situation of Turkey would be greatly improved if the United States should give:

a. Encouragement to the Turkish purchase from the United States of such nonmilitary materials and supplies as will enable a strengthening of Turkey's economic and military position.

b. Permission to Turkey to purchase from the United States arms, military aircraft and other military equipment in order to strengthen the defensive ability of her armed forces as outlined in SWNCC/202/2*.

c. Consideration to the advisability of supplying selected U.S. technicians, including officers, for the purpose of assisting the Turks.

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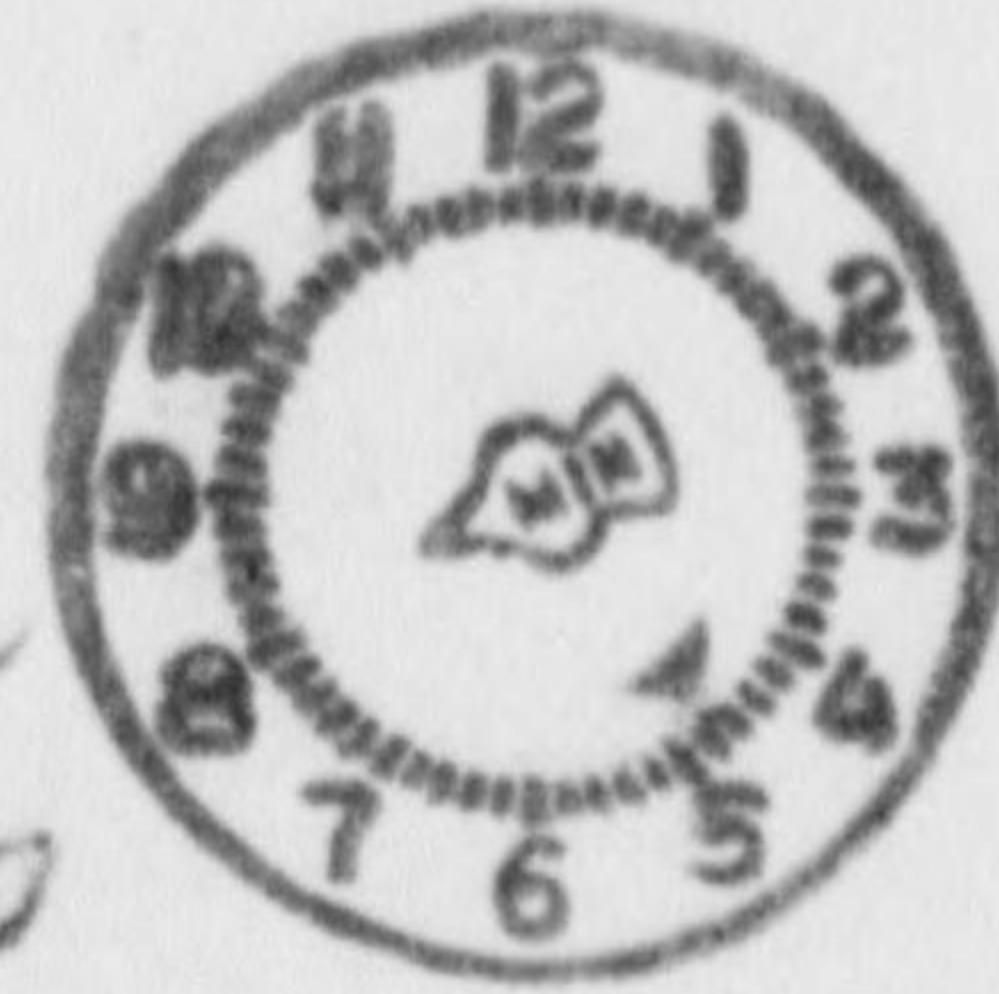
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THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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STATE WAR & NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, SWNCC

From: The Acting State Member

Subject: Creation of an Informed Public Opinion Regarding Issues Involved in Our Policy Toward the Soviet Union.

Reference is made to SWN-4125 which sets forth the Department of State's political estimate of Soviet policy and SWN-4432 which gave the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with respect thereto.

With respect to the statement in the State Department's memorandum that: "In support of the American foreign policy it is essential: ... (2) To create as soon as possible an informed public opinion concerning the issues involved", the Joint Chiefs of Staff commented that they felt that it was outside their purview to execute a coordinated public information directive in conformity therewith. They pointed out that this specific problem falls under the general study directed by SWNCC 288: "Mechanism for Dissemination of Factual and Complete Information Regarding Foreign Events".

Certainly it is not the function of the State Department alone nor of the War or Navy Departments to execute a public information program on this subject. It seems to me that all three Departments have a collective responsibility in connection with this.

The best way to create "an informed public opinion concerning the issues involved" is in my opinion through the release of factual information concerning events as they develop. In some cases the War and Navy Departments might be in a better position to release factual information than the State Department; for example, this would probably be true of developments taking place in Germany and Austria. It would certainly be true of information essentially military.

It also seems to me that the War and Navy Departments have a responsibility in this field in connection with the orientation which they give to new men inducted into the service. It seems to me that it is highly important that the indoctrination given these new soldiers and sailors reflect fully the philosophy insofar as security permits of the views set forth in SWN-4125. I should like to urge that the War and Navy Members give consideration to this matter.

I feel that it is urgent that steps be taken in the very near future toward coordinating the action of all three of the Departments with

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respect to creating "an informed public opinion" concerning the issues involved in our policy toward the Soviet Union. I, therefore, recommend that the ad hoc Committee established pursuant to SWNCC 288 be directed to take early action with respect to their over-all report and take under immediate consideration the problem of determining the proper coordination of disseminating factual information which has reference to our Soviet policy.

In view of the highly confidential material in SWN-4125, I recommend that the disclosure of its contents be limited to a minimum essential with the undertakings recommended.

John D. Hickerson
John D. Hickerson
Acting State Member

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Col. Solomon/74801/rps

24 JUN 1946

Report of Clandestine Activities

1. On June 17, 1946, Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. William L. Clayton, transmitted the attached letter (Tab A) to the Office of Secretary of War, containing information to the effect that Brazilian observers had located certain clandestine stations in the Soviet occupied territory of Europe. The letter further requested that the State Department be informed whether the United States Army in Germany could conduct monitoring activities there with a view to picking up these signals and establishing their origin and possibly their content.

2. The contents of the letter from The Department of State previously had been transmitted to the Chief, Army Security Agency by the State Department representative responsible for such activities. Therefore, the letter attached hereto as Tab A was unnecessary.

3. State Department has concurred informally that the reply attached hereto for signature will be sufficient in order to clear all records of this correspondence.

4. Recommend approval and signature.
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In reply to your letter of June 17, 1946 (TD), I wish to thank you for the information concerning certain Soviet clandestine radio stations in Europe located by observers in Brazil. This information has been transmitted to the proper agencies and you will be informed through appropriate channels of any success attained.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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25 JUN 1946

In accordance with your request the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, China was advised of the contents of the memorandum from the Soviet Ambassador regarding the alleged raid by American military police and Chinese soldiers on the apartment of Soviet citizen, Boris P. Gnevkovski and was requested to investigate the matter and render a report to the War Department.

The following report has been received from the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, China:

"Relative to protest from Soviet Government on behalf of Boris Federovich Gnevkovski, this summary is made of the investigation of this incident made by this Headquarters, which contains signed statements of American and Chinese military police.

In joint patrols of Chinese and American military police, the Chinese police search premises by their own right with the American military police along to take charge of American military personnel.

The place in question is known as the Troyka Bar and out of bounds establishment. On the 6th of May a joint military police and shore patrol vice squad with a Chinese policeman sought admission to the Troyka Bar to remove a sailor who could be seen inside. Gnevkovski in profane and abusive language refused admittance. At about 0100 hours on the morning of 13th May, 5 U.S. military policemen accompanied 3 Chinese military police and visited premises to check military personnel frequenting bar. The Chinese military police identified themselves and sought admission but were denied permission to enter the front door. One Chinese military police and one American military police entered the premises by an

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unlocked rear door and then opened the front door admitting the others.

A woman who was present declared that Gnevkovski was not there. Thereupon, a search was made for him revealing him hiding in a closet. As punishment for this, a Chinese military police struck him with a coat hanger, stating that this was according to Chinese custom for failing to recognize Chinese police authority. The American military police did not participate in this act nor did they sanction it. A Chinese military police took a picture of Stalin from the wall to examine it, only to have Gnevkovski snatch it from him and lay it on a table. The picture was not touched by any American military police nor was any comment made about it. On the afternoon of that same day at about 1400 hours an American military police Captain in the company of a Chinese military police officer investigated the alleged damages to the premises. They found no damage to any furniture other than that one corner of the picture frame in question was unjointed, the glass in the frame was not broken nor was the picture marred in any way. The heavy wire screen in the front door had some indentations that might have been caused by being kicked and a small 6 inch pane of glass had a crack in it. No door was broken.

The woman was not touched, assaulted or insulted. Gnevkovski was struck only as stated. No articles or money were taken by any military police. The picture of Stalin was not touched by the American military police nor was it vilified by them in any way.

A full written report of investigation is on file in this Headquarters with a copy available if desired. No disciplinary action is intended against any American personnel.

Having indicated that he intended to file a claim for damages, Gnevkovski was interviewed by the Claims Office and given the usual forms to fill out in

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compliance with AR 2590. The completed forms have not been returned to the Claims Office as of 17th June."

The War Department does not deem it necessary to take further action on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Steward) ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of 17 May 1946, regarding permits for three Soviet employees to proceed to Japan, has been received.

In line with procedures which are now in effect, a copy of your request has been referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Military Permits Secretary, for appropriate action.

In regard to the establishment of a system of controls governing travel of foreigners to Japan, the latest information received from General MacArthur indicates that his regulations on this subject will be published shortly.

Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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The Honorable
 The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Reference is made to my letter of 22 December 1945 concerning the alleged ill treatment of the Soviet flag and dispossession of Soviet citizens in Shanghai.

The Commanding General, China Theater advises that a careful investigation of the flag incident disclosed that the case was based on a completely uncorroborated statement of the Chinese chauffeur. As to the eviction complaint, the Theater Commander states that the investigation disclosed that the matter was handled legally and properly; a lease to the property was acquired by the U.S. Army from the owner, tenants were warned, and had a full month's notice to move; both the Army representatives and owner furnished the tenants with information of other locations to which the latter could move; actual eviction was carried out by Chinese police on proper application by the U.S. Army which was then the legal lessor; Army representatives witnessed the eviction, furnished labor and vehicles to accomplish the move; all tenants were moved to new residences which they had already obtained; a U.S. medical officer was present and certified that all evictees were in safe physical condition to move; no evidence of Soviet citizenship was ever shown and the Soviet representative was not notified until the day of eviction; no force was used but a firm attitude was maintained in the face of recalcitrance of the tenants.

I trust the foregoing furnishes sufficient information upon which to base a reply to the Soviet Embassy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

Kenneth C. Royall
 Acting Secretary of War



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OPD 336 Russia (13 Dec 45)

22 DEC 1945

The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On the matter of alleged ill treatment of the Soviet flag and dispossession of Soviet citizens in Shanghai, as transmitted in your letter of 13 December, I have cabled Commanding General, China Theater for complete investigation and report. It is expected that the Navy Department will report to you with respect to the actions of U.S. sailors. However, I have instructed the Commanding General, China Theater to render Navy officials full cooperation and assistance in their investigation and to report on the alleged incident if troops under his command were in any way involved.

The Commanding General, China Theater is being further instructed to make full investigation of alleged expulsion of Soviet citizens from their quarters and take corrective action if he considers it desirable.

I will communicate with you further after a report is received from China.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
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December 13, 1945

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and encloses a translation of a note dated December 1, 1945 from the Soviet Embassy reporting two incidents which are alleged to have occurred in Shanghai. The first complaint charges that on October 28, three American sailors tore the Soviet flag from an official Soviet car, trampled the flag under foot, broke the steel flag staff and assaulted the Chinese chauffeur of the car. This incident is alleged to have taken place in the presence of an American police patrol which took no steps to interfere. The second charge is that Soviet citizens are being dispossessed from their living quarters in Shanghai on orders from the American military authorities.

The note expresses the hope of the Soviet Government that a prompt investigation of these cases will be made, that the expulsion of Soviet citizens from their quarters will be stopped, that those who have already been dispossessed will be permitted to return to their quarters, and that steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such regrettable activities.

It would be appreciated if an investigation might be undertaken promptly of these allegations of the Soviet Embassy and if the Department might be informed in due course of the results of the investigation and of the steps which have been taken to comply with the wishes of the Soviet Government in this matter.

A similar communication is being addressed to the Navy Department.

Enclosure:
Translation of note
from the Soviet
Embassy.

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TRANSLATION

On instructions from the Soviet Government the Embassy has the honor to inform the Department of State of the following:

(1) About seven o'clock on the evening of October 28 in Shanghai, three American Sailors approached the automobile of the Commercial Representative of the USSR which was standing at the entrance to the Park Hotel and began to tear off the Soviet flag. The chauffeur of the car (a Chinese) tried to hinder these actions of the American sailors but was knocked off his feet. A patrol of American police who witnessed this took no measures to prevent these rowdy actions of the American sailors and in the presence of the above-mentioned police patrol, the sailors tore from the machine the Soviet National flag, began to trample on it, and having broken the steel flag staff, made off.

(2) According to reports received by the People's Commissariat, a group of American soldiers headed by Major Campbell, recently expelled from their own quarters in Shanghai, three families of Soviet citizens - Dyatlovitski, Ryabov and Ozerov. The police refused to provide these persons with any other living quarters in exchange. According to information at hand, an order was issued by the American authorities for the expulsion from their quarters of a number of other Soviet citizens living in Shanghai.

The Soviet Government is extremely surprised by such conduct on the part of official American military authorities in Shanghai and of the sailors of the American Navy.

In bringing the attention of the Government of the United States of America to the above, the Soviet Government presumes that instructions will be given by the competent American authorities for the urgent investigation of the cases set forth above, the cessation of the expulsions from quarters and the furnishing to the citizens already dispossessed of the possibility of again returning to their quarters.

The Soviet Government presumes that measures will be taken by the Government of the United States so that such regrettable activities on the part of the American authorities and military personnel in Shanghai will not be permitted in the future.

Embassy of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics

Washington,

December 1, 1945

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MR. DUNN
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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6 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEWS
MR. McCLOY ←

The attached copy of a dispatch from
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of Mr. Gates.

Alvin F. Richardson
ALVIN F. RICHARDSON
Deputy Secretary

Enclosure:
Cy Dispatch, 6 Jun 45.

7 June.

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Keith Kane to Loy Henderson & Wassou,
(NEA) who are handling Tarpsis question.

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6 June 1945

(FROM R. KEITH KANE TO FRANCIS X. DOWNEY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ROOM 3032 NAVY DEPT. WASH D.C.)

Why not consider in connection with proposed action in Tangiers the advisability of consulting with the Soviet under the Moscow Declaration. It is very apparent here that the Soviet Union gives the broadest interpretation to the Declaration. Consultation would in no wise mean that we should alter our position with respect to the participation by certain forces in any operations or with respect to the future status of the territory. Russia participated in the Algerias Conference of 1906. It is very apparent that they expect to participate in consultations in all matters effecting peace and security pending the establishment of a General Organization, irrespective of whether there is a dispute. A similar question arises, although more sharply, in connection with Iceland. For your information, I am sending you by air copy of memorandum to Hugh Cumming on the study of Iceland Bases which I wrote in response to his request for comment on his recent cables.

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The Honorable James Clement Dunn
Assistant Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 16 April 1945 which requests information available to the War Department on conversion of standard gauge railroad tracks to broad gauge in different areas of Eastern Europe under Soviet control. I am pleased to forward to you herewith a paper prepared in the War Department entitled, "Evidence Concerning Soviet Conversion of Standard 'European' Gauge Railroad to Russian 'Wide' Gauge in: Poland, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Bulgaria," dated 21 April 1945.

Sincerely yours,

(Sg4.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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Info on USSR Conversion
of Railway Tracks

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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17 April 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING
COMMITTEE:

Subject: Repatriation of Russians Recaptured
in the European Theater of Operations.

References: a. Your memorandum for the Joint
Chiefs of Staff, dated 14 April
1945, same subject as above.

b. C.C.S. 657/10.

Since you have been furnished a copy of C.C.S.
657/10 which represents the views of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff, it is understood that no further action is desired
in connection with reference a.

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C. R. PECK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Secretary.

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17 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

Subject: Repatriation of Soviet Nationals now in the European Theater of Operations.

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For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

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For the SWNCC:

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Honorable H. Freeman Matthews
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

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In connection with Ambassador Harriman's cable, Moscow 3771 of 5 November 1945, investigation of the United States military interests does not reveal any requirement for action by the State Department at this time.

The matters, concerning the Soviet official groups in Italy, on which Mr. Harriman requests instructions, were initially referred by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean to the former United States Military Mission in Moscow which has, as you know, been dissolved.

General Ridgway, Commanding General, United States Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operation, has indicated that the difficulties reported are primarily British and that there is no United States requirement for action through diplomatic channels in this regard. Furthermore, he indicates that local administrative action to enforce travel regulations in Italy has not yet been fully employed.

The War Department agrees with the views of Mr. Harriman and the British representatives in Moscow regarding the Anglo-American insistence on the right of self-determination as to the composition of our respective representations in the Balkan Military Missions. It would be inconsistent, and thus undesirable, to propose numerical limitation of the Soviet official groups in Italy. The matters of proper accreditation of Soviet representatives and uniform applicability and enforcement of travel regulations in Italy, can be dealt with locally in Italy by the military.

The proposals now in Mr. Harriman's hands do not in the opinion of the War Department require any action by him. General Ridgway can handle the matter within the scope of his authority insofar as the United States interests are concerned.

If you agree with these views and will so advise the War Department, appropriate advice will then be furnished General Ridgway for his guidance. He, in turn, can advise the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, who originated the request for action, of the United States position.

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Name Walter NCRD
Date 9-20-65

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) J. J. McCloy
JOHN J. McCLOY
Assistant Secretary of War

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Mr. Moseley - S.W.N.C.C.
Room 178 - State

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April 16, 1945

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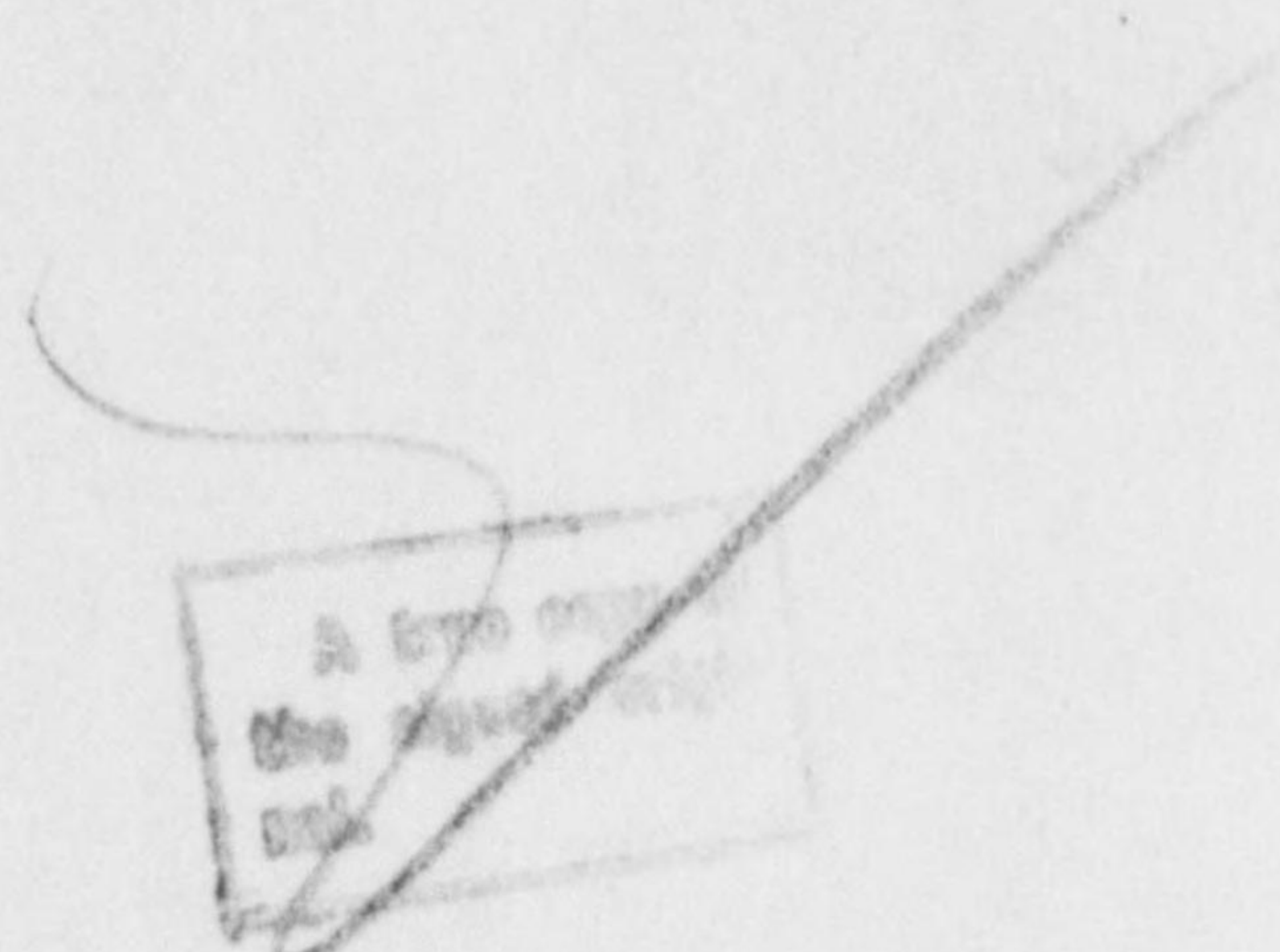
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James Clement Dunn
Assistant Secretary

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The Honorable
James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy.



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Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

James Clement Durn
Assistant Secretary

APR 17 1945

The Honorable
Henry L. Stinson,
Secretary of War.



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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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Honorable Joseph C. Grew
Acting Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1945, in which you request information as to whether Commander John E. Faigle, CEC, USN, can be made available for assignment to the United States Reparations Mission at Moscow.

I am very pleased to inform you that the Navy Department is agreeable to assigning Commander Faigle to this Mission. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of Naval Personnel the date that it is desired to obtain the services of this officer and to whom he should report for this duty.

Sincerely yours,

~~H. Struve Hensel~~

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Department of State is anxious to have Commander John Faigle of the Bureau of Yards and Docks assigned to the United States Reparations Mission, which is to sit with representatives of the Russians and the British in Moscow. We should need him for approximately three or four months.

I understand from Mr. Lubin, who has been appointed as the head of the American Mission, that Commander Faigle is an engineer and would be invaluable in handling some of the problems that would have to be resolved.

I should be grateful if you would approve the assignment of Commander Faigle.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joseph C. Grew

Acting Secretary

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Secretary of the Navy.

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3 April 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Subject: Proposed Construction of Airfields North of Athens for the Russians on a Reciprocal Aid Basis - SWNCC 31/D.

1. Mr. Moseley brought this State Department memorandum dated March 30, 1945 to me on March 31, 1945.
2. I immediately, that day, contacted Major Gardiner (referred to as Major Garden in the memorandum) and Capt. Rogers who on 3 April 1945 showed me a radio from the ATC officer in the Mediterranean Theater, which raised the question of the U.S. constructing airfields north of Athens on a reciprocal aid basis for the Russians. The radio indicated that the Russians had proposed this on a tentative basis and that the airfields in question were only proposed airfields. In other words, the whole question was a very tentative one.
3. I therefore on 3 April 1945 took the matter up with Col. Rigneimer of the Air Staff, who referred me to Col. F.D. Butler (Ext. 72889, Room 3E128 at the Pentagon) who is in the Air Forces Planning Staff and who is familiar with SWNCC 31/D, in which the whole ATC program in Europe is considered. Col. Butler felt that the question of construction of these fields and even of ATC operations in the Balkans was not sufficiently developed to warrant this question being submitted to SWNCC yet, but that he would go into the matter with Major Gardiner and Capt. Rogers and advise me further in regard to the matter.
4. Col. Butler later in the day informed me that the matter is under consideration by the European Branch of the Air Planning Staff in connection with JCS 1151 with a view to determining whether or not there is a military interest in the question and, if so, whether it is a "medium" or a "strong" interest, after which it can be submitted to the State Department. At my suggestion, he also indicated that the ATC representative who sent the radio will be advised the matter is under consideration.
5. I informed Mr. Moseley of the above on 3 April 1945 and suggested that he withhold communicating with Mr. Harriman in Moscow in regard to the matter which he had proposed doing, until the matter is clarified further.
6. Conclusion: There is nothing further to be done by SWNCC until Col. Butler advises further in regard to the matter.

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To ~~SECRET~~ by ~~SP-1~~ of 5-19-61
 from ~~SECRET~~ by ~~SP-1~~ of 5-19-61
 Name Wester NCRD
 Date 7-20-65

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MEMORANDUM

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March 30, 1943.

Two ATC officers, Major Garden (War Department Extension 71324) and Captain Rogers (Extension 4873) called this morning to show me a telegram from the Mediterranean Theatre reporting a proposal of the Soviet Government for reverse lend lease for construction operations which would be necessary for airbases on the route between Berlin and Ankara, involving particularly the costs for materials, labor and construction at Prague, Budapest, Belgrade and Sofia.

Since the amount involved may be very considerable, and hence a consideration for the American taxpayer, and while on the other hand the system of lend lease, as I understand it, would mean that the lending government would have a permanent title or claim as regards the installation, important policy questions are obviously involved. Moreover, even if this Government should decide to undertake construction at our own expense, the Soviet Government might refuse to agree to having our army work in the Soviet Theatre, and if the Soviet Government should itself undertake the work it might proceed at such a slow pace as to retard the development of the air route, and hold Soviet military groups in the respective countries over a long period of time on the justification of construction or maintenance.

The foregoing are some of the considerations of this proposal that occur to me at the moment, and it seems to me that it would be necessary to discuss the question on a rather high level, probably with the participation also of our Aviation Division, from the point of view of postwar civil aviation.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.

January 8
January 6, 1945

Honorable Joseph C. Grew
The Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your letter of 29 January 1945 on the subject of the attitude to be taken with respect to the claims of the Government of the Soviet Union that natives of Poland east of the boundary of 9 September 1939 and of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia be treated as Soviet nationals.

As you are aware, the matter of an agreement affecting U. S. and U.S.S.R. prisoners of war and displaced persons is now under discussion with the Soviet Union at a high level. Representatives of the State Department and of the War Department have been participating actively in the discussion of this agreement, which will unquestionably affect the matters mentioned in your letter of 29 January. Copies of the two inquiries from Mr. Reber to the Secretary of State dated 14 December 1944 and 19 January 1945 attached to your letter have in paraphrased form been furnished to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Secretariat (with the approval of Mr. Durbrow of the State Department) for transmission to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the information of the negotiators of the proposed agreement.

I understand that Mr. Durbrow has advised Colonel Cutter of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War that, for the time being, it is not contemplated that the proposed draft of telegram to the American Embassy, Paris, (25 January 1945 draft) will be transmitted but that Mr. Reber will be informed merely that the whole subject matter is under discussion and that he will be given suitable advice at a later date. The War Department is of the view that it is premature to give Mr. Reber the advice which he seeks, until the results of the negotiations with respect to the proposed agreement are known here in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War

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January 29, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The American Embassy at Paris in telegrams dated December 14, 1944 and January 19, 1945, paraphrases of which are attached, has requested instructions regarding policy with respect to the nationality of displaced persons, natives of areas the sovereignty of which may be under discussion and particularly regarding the attitude to be taken with respect to the claims of the Government of the Soviet Union that natives of Poland east of the boundary of 9 September 1939 and of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia be treated as Soviet nationals. In this connection reference is made to the Department's letter of January 29 with reference to a similar question of policy involved in the treatment of prisoners of war, raised by the Government of the Soviet Union.

There is attached for your information and approval a copy of a proposed draft of reply to the Paris Embassy on the subject of the treatment of displaced persons. Briefly this reply states the policy that displaced persons shall be regarded as being of the particular nationality claimed if their claim is accepted by the appropriate liaison officer attached to SHAEF for purposes of repatriation and that in general those who for political or other reasons to not desire to return to their countries of origin or nationality shall not be forced to do so unless it is agreed that they come under the category of war criminals.

I shall be most grateful if you can advise me as soon as possible whether you concur in the foregoing policies

The Honorable
Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War.

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and particularly in the proposed draft of reply to the Paris Embassy on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joseph C. Grew

Acting Secretary

Enclosures:

1. From Paris, Dec.14, 1944.
2. From Paris, Jan.19, 1945.
3. To Paris, draft Jan.25, 1945.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: American Embassy, Paris
TO: Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: December 14, 1944
NUMBER: 915

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Reber sends the following:

In France the question has come up of the disposition of displaced people of the United Nations who do not want to return to the country from which they originated, in connection with a group of Russians in France who have said that do not want to return to Russia because of political reasons. It is proposed by SHAEF that the policy be pursued by this headquarters that unless they come under the war criminal category, United Nations displaced persons not be forced to return to the country of their origin if because of political or other reasons they wish not to do so. It is realized, at the same time, that if a friendly government, the country in whose territory they are found must take the responsibility for deciding the eventual disposition of these persons. The Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees will become responsible for the disposition of such people in enemy territory, if not settled during the war.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: The American Embassy, Paris
TO: The Secretary of State, Washington
DATED: January 19, 1945
NUMBER: 264

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The following message from Reber is transmitted.

Report from the sixth Army group states that the Russian liaison officer has asked that instructions be issued to personnel and to assembly centers and to all displaced persons that natives of the following listed areas are Russian and are to be treated as Russian:

Latvia

Estonia

Lithuania

Poland, east of the boundary of September 9, 1939 or east of the Curzon line, roughly.

This policy had been agreed on by all of the Allied governments Major Peregoodov stated. This headquarters' policy has been that displaced persons, if they claim to be of a particular nationality and if their claim is accepted by the appropriate Allied liaison officer for repatriation, are regarded as being of the particular nationality.

Instructions at an early date are requested with

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reference to the policy to be adopted with regard to the attitude to be taken with reference to the Soviet claim and with regard to nationality of the displaced persons from areas where there is to be a change of sovereignty.

A similar inquiry is being addressed to the Foreign Office by Peake.

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January 25, 1945.

DRAFT OF TELEGRAM TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FOR REBER:

Reference is made to your 915 of December 14 and 264 of January 19. Department has no knowledge that the Allied Governments as stated by Major Peregoodov have agreed that natives of Poland east of the boundard of 9 September 1939, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia are to be treated as Soviet nationals. Department is in full accord with SHAEF policy during period of military operations stated in your telegrams under reference, namely, that displaced persons are regarded as being of the particular nationality claimed if their claim is accepted by the appropriate liaison officer for repatriation and that persons who do not desire for political or other reasons to return to their countries of origin or nationality shall not be forced to do so unless it is agreed that they come under the category of war criminals. Department also agrees that eventual disposition of such displaced persons (1) found in the territory of a friendly government becomes the responsibility of that government and (2) found in enemy or ex-enemy territory becomes the responsibility of the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees.

Consideration has already been given to this problem in the post hostilities period. The draft of the directive on policy with respect to displaced persons for the guidance of the United States Group Control Commission Germany states the

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policy that the repatriation of United Nations Nationals and others assimilated to them in treatment shall be undertaken "as rapidly as the military operations and maintenance of forces of occupation in Germany and arrangements with their respective governments permit, giving due consideration to the wishes of the individuals involved,". This language does not constitute a change in policy but reflects a disposition to give as wide discretion as possible to the military commander in the field in the treatment of the problem of repatriation of displaced persons.

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protecting power. Any military view on our economic warfare policy toward Switzerland will be deferred pending completion of a JCS paper on the subject. The military view will have been crystalized by the time the preliminaries of the trade negotiations are ready for submission here. It was agreed that no immediate further SWNCC action is required.

9. Advice to United States Delegation in European Advisory Commission on United Nations Prisoners of War.

Colonel Cutter noted that this paper (SWNCC #1) was delivered to JCS on January 6 and immediately circulated as JCS 1223. Mr. Dunn emphasized the desirability of early action. It was agreed that the JCS should be requested to treat the paper as a matter of priority.

10. Policy with Respect to Russia.

Mr. Dunn mentioned the desirability of having a statement of our objectives vis-a-vis Russia available for the coming Big Three conference. It was noted that the Joint Chiefs of Staff have in process a paper covering the present military aspects of the problem. It was agreed that, subject to determination by Mr. Dunn whether the Secretary of State desires a further statement prepared in the short time available, Mr. McCloy and Mr. Gates would submit the matter to General Marshall and Admiral King, respectively for decision whether the problem should be handled within the two departments or by JCS. It was further agreed that if action is to be taken within the three departments an ad hoc committee will be formed to prepare an informal memorandum on the subject for the Big Three Conference. Mr. Dunn designated Mr. Charles E. Bohlen as the State Department representative. Mr. McCloy and Mr. Gates agreed to designate members later. (Note: Mr. Dunn subsequently notified the Secretariat that no action would be taken at this time on a Departmental level.)

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