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14th Meeting

STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for the Far East held in Room 6176 New War Department Building, on Friday, 30 March 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Colonel B. M. HARLOE, Chairman
Colonel S. J. DONOVAN
Lt. Colonel N. E. TOWSON
Major K. C. BOLTON
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE (USNR)

I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

Minutes of the 13th Meeting were read and approved as amended.

II. POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST (SWNCC 16/3).

Appendix "A" of SWNCC 16/3 was reviewed by the Working Committee to ascertain the number of procedural papers still to be written on the topics in the Appendix.

It was agreed that the Department of State representatives will undertake to submit a procedural paper on Item IV-1 which will indicate the areas which, from a political point of view, should be occupied in the Japanese Empire and any other Far-Eastern area.

Colonel HARLOE stated that a draft of Item V-4 - "Proclamation of the Allied Commander-in-Chief (Assuming supreme authority in the absence of an Unconditional Surrender)" had been prepared and is available. Dr. BLAKESLEE agreed to undertake the preparation of Item V-5 - "Proclamation of the Allied Commander-in-Chief (Assuming supreme authority in the event of capitulation or unconditional surrender of Japan Proper and continued organized resistance elsewhere)"; both items to be submitted to the Subcommittee at the same time. Colonel HARLOE will undertake at the proper time to find out from the SWNCC Secretariat whom to consult as to the legal aspects of Japanese unconditional surrender in accordance with the recommendation of the Subcommittee at its 9th Meeting.

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The following procedural papers prepared by the State Department members were then considered, discussed and approved by the Working Committee:

- (1) "The Post-Surrender Military Government of the Japanese Empire: The Policy with respect to Armament Production and Facilities".
- (2) "The Post-Surrender Military Government of the Japanese Empire: Policy with respect to Heavy Industry in Japan".
- (3) "The Post-Surrender Military Government of the Japanese Empire: Policy with respect to the Aeronautical Industry".
- (4) "The Post-Surrender Military Government of the Japanese Empire: Policy with respect to the Shipbuilding Industry".
- (5) "The Post-Surrender Military Government of the Japanese Empire: Extent of Regulation of Foreign Commerce".
- (6) "A Temporary International Supervisory Authority in Korea: Relationship with Military Government."

The above papers will not be presented to the Subcommittee for the Far East until after SWNCC action is published on SWNCC 16/3, (Revised list of problems in the Pacific and Far East).

SECRET13th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Subcommittee for the Far East held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Tuesday, 20 March 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Colonel B. M. HARLOE, Acting Chairman
Colonel E.F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

Minutes of the 12th Meeting were read and approved.

II. POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST.

The Working Committee considered a revision of Appendix "A", SWNCC 16/2, prepared by Colonel HARLOE to be used in response to the directive of the Secretary of SWNCC, dated 17 March 1945, directing the Subcommittee for the Far East "to submit its recommendations as to the order of priority in which the papers called for by SWNCC 51 through 60 and thirteen similar papers just received should be prepared. It is requested that such statement be submitted to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee as a matter of urgency."

A number of changes in the initial draft of this paper were made by the Working Committee. The paper as amended was approved for submission to the Subcommittee for the Far East.

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Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6166 New War Department Building, on Wednesday, 7 March 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. MINUTES OF MEETING.

Minutes of the 11th Meeting were read and approved.

II. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS. (Referred back to the Working Committee by the Sub-Committee)

- (1) National Composition of Forces to Occupy Formosa.
- (2) Composition of Forces to Occupy Japan Proper.
- (3) Manchuria: Military Government: Extent and Conditions of U.S. Participation.

In compliance with instructions of the Sub-Committee that it be made clear in the above papers that the initial draft of each would deal primarily with the political aspects of the problem, the Working Committee added a new paragraph to that effect in each paper.

III. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1) The Treatment by United States Occupation Forces of Such Areas as the International Settlements in China, the French Leasehold of Kwangchow, and French and Italian Concessions. (Dr. BLAKESLEE)

In discussing this paper, there developed some difference of opinion as to whether only occupied areas were to be considered. Considering the possibility that not all of the areas mentioned in the paper will be occupied by the United States Forces, it was believed necessary to explore the matter further. The paper is to be recast and submitted at a subsequent meeting.

- (2) Basic Directive for Pre-Surrender Military Government in Formosa, including Political, Economic and Financial Directives. (Colonel FAHEY)

Considered and approved.

- (3) Military Government: Displaced Persons. (Mr. BORTON)

Considered and approved.

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- (4) Composition of Forces to Occupy Korea.
Considered and approved.
- (5) Treatment of the Japanese Population by the Military Government of Formosa.
Considered and approved.
- (6) Treatment of the Formosan Population by the Military Government of Formosa.
Considered and approved.
- (7) Special Formosa Problems: Currency.
Considered and approved.
- (8) Special Formosa Problems: Land Tenure.
Considered and approved.
- (9) Special Formosa Problems: Surplus Production.
Considered and approved.
- (10) A Temporary International Supervisory Authority in Korea: Relationship with Military Government.

THE COMMITTEE agreed that a definite policy on the control commissions should be established before acting on the paper, and it was therefore returned to Mr. BORTON for redrafting.

- (11) Treatment of the Korean Population by the Military Government of Korea.
Considered and approved.
- (12) Treatment of the Japanese Population by the Military Government of Korea.
Considered and approved.
- (13) Utilization of Koreans in the Administration of Military Government.
Considered and approved.
- (14) Initial Allied Control Machinery for the Japanese Empire.
(Colonel FAHEY)
Considered and approved.

S E C R E T11th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6166 New War Department Building, on Monday, 5 March 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F. C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieutenant Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

- I. Minutes of the 10th Meeting were read and approved as written.
- II. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS (POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEMS IN THE PACIFIC.

- (1) Manchuria: Military Government: Extent and Conditions of U.S. Participation (Dr. BLAKESLEE)
- ((2) Territorial Adjustments (Dr. BLAKESLEE)
- (3) Treatment of the Emperor of Japan (Mr. BORTON)
- (4) The Apprehension and Punishment of War Criminals (Mr. BORTON)
- (5) Disposal of Enemy Nationals, other than Japanese, within the Japanese Empire (Mr. BORTON)
- (6) Relations of the Military Government of Formosa with China and the Chinese (Mr. BORTON)
- (7) Japanese Investments in Formosa (Mr. BORTON)

The above papers were considered by the Working Committee, and after discussion and revision, the COMMITTEE approved the papers as revised for submission to the SWNC Sub-Committee for the Far East for its consideration.

The following papers were considered by the Working Committee, but after full discussion it was agreed to revise them in accordance with suggestions of various members of the Working Committee:

- (1) Allied Control Machinery for the Japanese Empire: Japan Proper: Including Karafuto (southern part of Sakhalin) (Colonel FAHEY)
- (2) Military Government: Displaced Persons: Korea. (Mr. BORTON)
- (3) Consideration of U.S. Participation in the Military Occupation of Korea. (Mr. BORTON).

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SECRET10th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6166 New War Department Building, on Friday, 2 March 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F. C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. Minutes of the 9th Meeting were read and after amendment
THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Approved the minutes of the 9th Meeting.

II. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS. (POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEMS
IN THE FAR EAST).

- (1) Basic Policies and Objectives of the United States in the Pacific and the Far East (Dr. BLAKESLEE)
- (2) Basic Directive for Pre-Surrender Military Government in Japan Proper, Including Political, Economic, and Financial Directives (Colonel FAHEY)
- (3) National Composition of Forces to Occupy Formosa (Mr. BORTON)

The above papers were considered by the Working Committee, and after full discussion and revision, the COMMITTEE approved the papers as revised for submission to the SWNC Sub-Committee for the Far East for its consideration.

III. A PROPOSED REVISION OF APPENDIX "A", SWNCC 16/2, TO COMPLY WITH MEMORANDUM FROM SWNCC DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1945

In accordance with desires of the Sub-Committee, Appendix "A", SWNCC 16/2, was reviewed, especially articles VI--7 to 10. Colonel HARLOE presented proposed changes reflecting, as far as practicable, the thoughts of the Sub-Committee. After full discussion, tentative agreement was reached as to suggested changes. It was agreed that these changes should be submitted informally to the Sub-Committee, but in view of the fact that the original list was tentative and that other changes could be expected in the not too distant future, it was believed desirable to delay definite recommendations until the matter could be more fully explored and discussed.

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SECRET9th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6166 New War Department Building, on Wednesday, 28 February 1945, at 0930.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. Minutes of the 8th Meeting were read and after amendment

THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Approved the minutes of the 8th Meeting.

II. COLLAPSE OF JAPAN.

After consideration, discussion and revision of the 2nd draft of the covering paper for the Draft Proclamation of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Armed Forces, (In Absence of Unconditional Surrender)

THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Approved the paper as revised for submission to the Sub-Committee for its consideration.

III. PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1) United Nations Prisoners of War (Colonel COLLIER)
- (2) Disarmament, Demobilization and Disposition of Enemy Arms, Ammunition and Implements of War (Colonel HARLOE)
- (3) Composition of Forces to Occupy Japan Proper. (Mr. BORTON)

The above papers were considered by the Working Committee and after full discussion and revision, it was decided to redraft the papers in accordance with revisions agreed upon during the discussion, and submit to the SWNC Sub-Committee for the Far East for its consideration.

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S E C R E T8th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6166 New War Department Building, on Tuesday, 27 February 1945, at 0930.

Members Present: Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. Minutes of the 7th Meeting were read and after amendment

THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Approved the minutes of the 7th Meeting.

II. FORM OF COVERING PAPER.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting to develop a standard form for submission of papers to SWNCC submitted its form. Lt. FOWLE submitted a further proposal. In the meantime, a standard form for all SWNCC papers was received from the Secretariat of SWNCC. As all forms were similar and acceptable, it was decided that each agency would prepare its own papers as desired, pending a final decision as to a final form.

THE COMMITTEE agreed to use the general heading: "Politico-Military Problems in the Far East" on all papers, and use as a sub-head the subject of the individual paper.

Mr. BORTON brought up the point in reference to Appendix "A" of Colonel HARLOE's draft that in order to avoid unnecessary channels in the Department of State, it would be advisable to address the draft letter to a specific office or person such as "THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS" instead of "THE SECRETARY OF STATE". This change was tentatively accepted subject to approval by the Department of State.

III. SWNCC MINUTES - 11th Meeting - 23 February 1945.

Captain PENCE read certain pertinent paragraphs of SWNCC minutes to the Working Committee. It was noted that 3 additions were made by SWNCC to Appendix "A" - SWNCC 16/2 (List of Topics prepared by the Working Committee), viz: e. The nature and extent of industrial control; f. Education; g. Control of public information (Paragraph VI.10).

Paragraph 2 b of the SWNCC Minutes was discussed and clarified by Lt. FOWLE who attended the SWNCC meeting. Lt. FOWLE stated that SWNCC desired the Sub-Committee to clear informally all papers with the appropriate committees and representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the working level. Formal approval is to be obtained by SWNCC from the Joint Chiefs of Staff in appropriate cases.

IV. COLLAPSE OF JAPAN.

Colonel COLLIER submitted the covering paper for the Draft Proclamation of the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Armed Forces (In Absence of Unconditional Surrender) which was discussed and revised in the 7th Meeting. THE COMMITTEE considered the paper, and after full discussion and revision, it was agreed to redraft the proposed covering paper and re-submit to members for consideration at the next meeting to be held Wednesday, 28 February 1945, at 0930.

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SECRET7th MeetingSTATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Working Committee of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Sub-Committee for the Far East held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Thursday, 22 February 1945, at 0915.

Members Present: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR
Lt. M. E. McDONALD

I. Minutes of the 6th Meeting were read and approved as written.

II. DRAFT PROCLAMATION (In Absence of Unconditional Surrender).

The COMMITTEE pointed out that this paper was to cover the opposite situation from that provided for in the paper drafted and submitted to SWNCC for the Unconditional Surrender of Japan (SWNCC 21) and would be applicable to all of the conditions of chaos should there be no unconditional surrender.

The heading and 1st paragraph of the paper were redrafted. The new draft was to be submitted to the members for consideration at their next meeting.

III. APPENDIX "A" - SWNCC 16/2.

Operating on the assumption that the subject paper would be approved, the COMMITTEE proceeded to indicate on Appendix "A" (List of Initial Topics) SWNCC 16/2, which department, or departments, would initiate the paper to accompany the draft on each individual topic.

IV. FORM OF COVERING PAPER.

The COMMITTEE decided that to facilitate the work of the various members, a uniform manner of drawing the covering paper should be adopted. Colonel HARLOE, Lieutenant FOWLE, and Mr. BORTON were designated as the sub-committee to formulate the sample draft form of this covering paper.

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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Committee of the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Friday, 16 February 1945, at 0930.

Members Present: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE, USNR

I. Minutes of the 5th Meeting were read and approved as written.

II. PROPOSED LIST OF TOPICS.

After consideration, discussion, and revision of the draft of initial list of topics in connection with the proposed Agenda for the PFESC

THE WORKING COMMITTEE DECIDED

To redraft the list in accordance with revisions agreed upon during the discussion, and submit to the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee for its consideration.

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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Working Committee of the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Thursday, 15 February 1945, at 1400.

Members Present: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Colonel C. Stanton BABCOCK
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE, Jr., USNR

I. Minutes of the 4th Meeting were read and after amendment

THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Approved the minutes of the 4th Meeting.

II. Proposed List of Topics.

Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE and Lieutenant Frank F. FOWLE submitted initial lists of topics as suggested by the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee in connection with the proposed Agenda for the PFESC. It was decided that Dr. BLAKESLEE's draft be used as a working paper, and Lt. FOWLE's used as a check list.

After full consideration and discussion of the topics,

THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Agreed to redraft the proposed list and meet the following morning for further consideration and revision.

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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Committee of the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Monday, 12 February 1945, at 0915.

Members Present: Dr. George H. BLAKESLEE
Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Bartley M. HARLOE
Colonel Eugene F. C. COLLIER
Colonel C. Stanton BABCOCK
Lt. Col. Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lt. Frank F. FOWLE, Jr., USNR
Lt. M. E. McDONALD

I. Minutes of the 3rd Meeting were read and after amendment

THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Approved the minutes of the 3rd Meeting.

II. Draft - PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE PFESC.

In accordance with decision of 3rd Meeting, Lt. Colonel FAHEY submitted another draft of proposed agenda for the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee.

After full consideration and discussion of the above-mentioned draft

THE WORKING COMMITTEE DECIDED:

To redraft the proposed agenda in accordance with revisions agreed upon during the discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 1645.

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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Committee of the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Saturday, 10 February 1945, at 0925.

Members Present: Mr. Hugh BORTON
Captain Harry L. PENCE, Chairman
Colonel Eugene F.C. COLLIER
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. FAHEY, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. FOWLE, Jr., USNR
Lieut. M.E. McDONALD

I. Minutes of the 2nd meeting were read and after amendment

THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Approved the minutes of the 2nd meeting.

II. Draft - PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE PFESC.

After consideration and discussion of the 2nd draft of Proposed Agenda for the Pacific Far-Eastern Sub-Committee

THE WORKING COMMITTEE DECIDED:

(a) To redraft the present proposed agenda in accordance with recommendations, for consideration at the next meeting.

(b) That Lt. Colonel FAHEY draft a separate proposed agenda representing his views, also to be presented at the next meeting.

III. COVERING MEMORANDUM TO SWNCC TO ACCOMPANY THE PROPOSED AGENDA.

Recommendation was made and approved by the WORKING COMMITTEE to redraft the covering memorandum to state "...there is attached hereto an interim report of the Pacific and Far-Eastern Sub-Committee". (Underlining supplied). In addition a third paragraph was proposed embodying the procedure with regard to JCS interest in politico-military policies.

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Minutes of the ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Meeting of the Working Committee of the Pacific Far Eastern Sub-Committee held in Room 6170 New War Department Building, on Friday, 9 February 1945, at 0915.

Members present: Mr. Hugh Borton
Captain Harry L. Pence, Chairman
Colonel Eugene F. C. Collier
Lt. Colonel Daniel C. Fahey, Jr.
Lieut. Frank F. Fowle, Jr., USNR
Lieut. M. E. McDonald

I. Minutes of ^{1st} ~~2nd~~ Meeting adopted as amended.

II. Proposed agenda for PFESC:

Paragraphs II and V of the Agenda were combined to be new Paragraph II on the redraft. Proposed action of Paragraph III of the Agenda revised, as was Paragraph IV. Mr. Borton remarked that since the Interim Consultative Security Commission would be a global international organization, it is not properly a regional problem to be considered by the PFESC alone but the policies established by the PFESC should be integrated in that organization. After discussion, Colonel Fahey was asked to redraft the "Comments" under Paragraph V.

III. The Committee considered Colonel Babcock's draft of procedure with regard to J.C.S. interest in politico-military policies. The Committee discussed at some length the position of J.C.S. in these matters and the relationships of post and pre-surrender policies in connection with the proposed agenda for PFESC.

IV. Mr. Borton was asked to bring in proposed draft of three letters to be forwarded by SWNCC to the Department of State on:

- a. Pacific Far-Eastern High Commission.
- b. Interim Consultative Security Commission.
- c. Peace Treaty.

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Members present: Dr. George H. Blakeslee
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1. SWNCC 16. Politico-Military problems in the Pacific.

After discussion it was agreed that the immediate problem of the Sub-Committee consisted of the following:

- A. To prepare an initial agenda on the politico-military problems which are anticipated in the Pacific Far Eastern areas.
- B. To establish priority for necessary action thereon.
- C. To indicate who should initiate the work on such problems (J.C.S. agencies, agencies of the State, War, Navy Departments, special ad hoc committees with members from State, War, and Navy Departments, and other appropriate agencies.)

There was considerable discussion as to whether or not the PFESC should limit its consideration to politico-military problems arising during the post-Japanese surrender period. Several members expressed the opinion that the PFESC should so limit its activities and that a strong recommendation to this effect should be made to SWNCC.

Captain Pence presented a draft of a proposed agenda for PFESC dated 7 February 1945 and stated that the paper had been prepared merely as a point of departure for the Working Committee and was in no way to be regarded as definitive. After discussion, it was agreed that certain changes should be made in both the wording and in the order of the first five paragraphs and that a new draft would be prepared and circulated among the members of the Working Committee.

Captain Pence requested Mr. Borton to prepare draft letter from SWNCC to the State Department, to be attached to the PFESC report to SWNCC on SWNCC 16, requesting the State Department to present to SWNCC a report containing its recommendations with respect to:

- (a) The Pacific Far Eastern High Commission.
- (b) The Interim Consultative Security Commission.

Captain Pence requested Col. Babcock to prepare a brief statement on interest of JCS in the matters under discussion.

The meeting adjourned until 0915, 9 February 1945.

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