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QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED IN DISCUSSING DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT ON JAPAN

1. Do paragraphs 1-7 of the State draft policy statement on Japan of March 14 agree with the most recent published intelligence paper (NIS 41-54, August 10/54)? The paragraphs appear to reflect the intelligence estimate, but CIA might be asked whether it wishes to propose any changes reflecting the most recent developments in Japan.

2. Is the second sentence of para. 3 (page 3) dealing with U.S. assistance to Japan to counter subversion or insurrection, if the Japanese Government should so request, consistent with NSC 5429/5, para. 5 (Far East) which states that in order to preserve the territorial and political integrity of the Far Eastern area the U.S. should maintain security of the Pacific off-shore island chain as an essential element to U.S. security?

3. Are the objectives stated in paras. 24-27 long-range or current? For example:

a. Do we plan to maintain U.S. air and Naval forces in Japan permanently, or on a basis comparable to that of the NATO area?

b. Should the military capability for Japanese forces, which is stated in the courses of action (para. 55), be included as an objective, i.e. forces eventually capable of assuming primary responsibility for the defense of Japan?

c. Should the question raised in para. 2 above concerning the maintenance of the security of Japan be added to these objectives which now include only denial to the Communists control over Japan (para. 25)?

3.3(b)(1)
3.3(b)(6)

k. In view of recent intelligence reports, should an additional course of action be added to guarantee our use of U.S. bases now in Japan in the event the U.S. becomes involved in hostilities in the area? Para. 26 of the objectives and para. 51 of the courses of action refer only to maintaining U.S. bases. In other words, can we assume that planning to keep these bases useable in the event of domestic attacks upon them has been done.

3.3(b)(1)
3.3(b)(6)

5. Should there be a course of action in Japan?

6. Is it necessary to add a course of action covering information programs in Japan, or is para. 6-f of NSC 5429/5, which covers the region, sufficient to obviate any repetition in this paper.

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