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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: U. S. Objectives and Policies with Respect to Austria

REFERENCES: A. NSC 164/1  
 B. NSC Action No. 1383

The National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director, Bureau of the Budget, at the 245th Council meeting on April 21, 1955 (NSC Action No. 1383-c, -d, -e, -f and -g):

- c. Recognized that the United States could not afford to place itself in the position of alone blocking conclusion of an Austrian State Treaty.
- d. Recommended that the Secretary of State be empowered to proceed with negotiation of an Austrian State Treaty on the general basis of the long draft Treaty and paragraph 16 of NSC 164/1; but with authority to depart therefrom as he deems necessary to avoid placing the U. S. in the position of blocking a treaty; and suggested that the Secretary of Defense make available to the Secretary of State his views regarding the defense aspects of the Treaty.
- e. Recommended that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 16 and 21 of NSC 164/1, no prior commitment should be sought from the Austrian Government  until authorized by the President.
- f. Recommended that the Secretary of State be authorized to explore with the British and the French possible methods of handling any request for a four-power guarantee of the independence and territorial integrity of Austria.
- g. Agreed that the Council should further consider the U. S. position regarding an Austrian State Treaty at its next meeting on April 28, 1955, including consideration at that time of the wisdom of the U. S. participating in a guarantee of the independence and territorial integrity of Austria.

Accordingly the above actions, as approved this date by the President, are transmitted herewith for appropriate action with respect to -c, -d, -e and -f above.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
 Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of Defense  
 Mr. Bowie  
 Gen. Bonesteel

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