

March 7, 1958

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Discussion at the 357th Meeting
of the National Security Council,
Thursday, March 6, 1958

YES ONLY

Present at the 357th Council meeting were the President of the United States, presiding; the Vice President of the United States; the Secretary of State; the Acting Secretary of Defense; and the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization. Also present were the Secretary of the Treasury; the U. S. Representative to the United Nations; Mr. Hatfield Chilson for the Secretary of the Interior (Item 1); the Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Director, National Science Foundation (Items 1 and 3); Capt. John H. Morse, Jr., USN, for the Special Assistant to the President for Atomic Energy; the Federal Civil Defense Administrator; Dr. Paul Johnston, Aeronautical Research Institute (Item 3); Admiral Arleigh A. Burke for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Director of Central Intelligence; The Assistant to the President; the Deputy Assistant to the President; the Director, U. S. Information Agency; the Director, International Cooperation Administration; the Special Assistants to the President for Foreign Economic Policy, for Information Projects, for National Security Affairs, and for Science and Technology; the White House Staff Secretary; Assistant Secretary of State Gerard C. Smith; the Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget; Dr. Edward Purcell and Dr. Herbert York, President's Science Advisory Committee (Item 3); Col. Vincent Ford, Staff of the President's Science Advisory Committee (Item 3); Bryce N. Harlow, Administrative Assistant to the President; the Executive Secretary, NSC; and the Deputy Executive Secretary, NSC.

There follows a summary of the discussion at the meeting and the main points taken.

1. U. S. POLICY ON ANTARCTICA

(NSC Action No. 1738; NSC 5725/1; SWIS 11-3-58; NSC 5804; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 5, 1958)

General Cutler briefed the Council in considerable detail on the contents of the proposed new policy on Antarctica (NSC 5804), pointing out at the outset, on a map, the different national claims to portions of Antarctica. He set forth the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which were in opposition to the proposed new policy because

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