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#### National Security Decision Memorandum 25

TO:

The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness

SUBJECT:

Disposition of Outdated NSC Policy Papers

The review of NSC policy papers approved in the 1954-1961 period has been completed and the President has determined that, with the exceptions noted below, those papers may be rescinded since they have been overtaken by events, subsumed in other programs or are no longer applicable.

The following papers should be reviewed as indicated and are to remain in effect until the reviews have been completed.

# 5604 - U.S. Action in Event of Unprovoked Communist Attack Against U.S. Aircraft

The Defense Department, in coordination with the Department of State, should review and update this paper and submit their recommendations to the Washington Special Actions Group by October 31.

5607 - East-West Exchanges

and

5502/1 - U.S. Policy Toward Anti-Soviet Political Activities

The NSC Interdepartmental Group for Europe should review and update NSC 5607 and submit it with an exposition of differences and alternatives, to the NSC Review Group for consideration by October 31. If appropriate, the IG should incorporate in this paper a revision of the objectives and guidance contained in NSC 5502/1. If not appropriate, the IG should review and update NSC 5502/1 for submission to the Review Group by October 31.

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## 5812/1 - Wartime Organization for Overseas Operations

The NSC Under Secretaries Committee should review this paper and submit recommendations to the President by October 31.

## 5904/1 - U.S. Policy in the Event of War

A decision on handling of the issues in this paper will await NSC consideration of the studies on U.S. Military Posture.

## 5412/2 - (Title omitted for security reasons)

This paper has been referred to the appropriate Interdepartmental Group for review and updating and will remain in effect until that review is completed.

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cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence