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JOINT COMMITTEE ON MOBILIZATION PLANNING
FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC MEASURES

Summary Minutes

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Room 5104, New State

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I. Those attending:

Department of State

Office of Defense Mobilization

Department of Commerce

Department of Defense

Department of Agriculture

Department of Justice

Treasury Department

Central Intelligence Agency

International Cooperation Administration

Federal Reserve

General Services Administration

- F. T. Murphy, Co-Chairman
- W. T. M. Beale,
- G. Ellsworth
- J. Knoll, Executive Secretary
- F. Winant, Co-Chairman
- R. G. Efteland
- J. W. Shepard
- T. Curtis
- N. G. Norris
- F. McCaffrey
- B. M. Easton
- C. F. Simms
- E. F. Rains
- T. P. Nelson
- W. S. Miller
- J. F. Vaughan
- J. H. Furth
- P. W. Foreman

II. International Transportation - Shipping (FER P-5)

The Committee discussed emergency planning to cover Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway shipping. The Commerce member indicated that all vessels capable of use for ocean transportation would be included in the NATO planning. It was his understanding, however, that Great Lakes vessels other than those suitable for ocean shipping would not be included in "pool" arrangements. The Defense member stated that there was a question of jurisdiction between the ad hoc group on international shipping and that on foreign inland transport with regard to Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway planning. He felt that this matter required further study; he suggested, and the Committee agreed, that initially the inland transport group consider what further work should be undertaken.

III. International Transportation - Foreign Inland (FER P-6)

The Defense member proposed and the Committee accepted the following amendment to FER P-6

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(a) Page 4: Add a new paragraph 6 to read:

"6. There is no indication of comprehensive bilateral planning in this subject area with our immediate neighbors - i.e. Canada and Mexico."

(b) Page 4: Add a second paragraph under RECOMMENDATIONS to read

"The initiation of planning for emergency use and coordinated control of transportation facilities in our contiguous areas should be considered."

The Defense member agreed to make suggestions to the Committee on which agencies should be responsible for the planning involving transportation with Canada and Mexico. He indicated that various agencies had interests in this problem including the ICC, Commerce, State and Defense. The ODM member pointed out that there are in existence plans for a National Transportation Agency which could probably be broadened to include measures required to cover US-Canadian and US-Mexican transportation.

IV. International Telecommunications (FER P-7)

The ODM member stated that his agency had drafted a supplementary paper in accordance with the suggestions of the Joint Committee (FER M-4). However, ODM was awaiting the return to Washington of the State member of the ad hoc working group and hoped to be able to present the paper to the Joint Committee at the next meeting.

V. Export Controls (FER P-4)

The Commerce member circulated a memorandum reporting that question of movement of goods immediately following a Plan D Minus emergency was under consideration by the Maritime Administration in connection with planning for ocean shipping. The Commerce Department considered that instructions to the Collectors of Customs under export control planning could not be given until the Maritime Administration more fully developed its plans for allocating shipping space and disposing of cargoes laden aboard ships. The Committee agreed to postpone further considerations of the aspects of the problem relating to ocean shipping, but it considered that Maritime's planning would not have any impact on land transportation with Canada and Mexico. Commerce was urged to prepare clarifying instructions to Customs on the movement of goods by land to Canada and Mexico. Commerce undertook to report to the Committee at its next meeting.

The Justice member pointed out that there were certain security problems relating to crews of ships and workers on piers and other dock facilities which might affect the movement of goods and ships. It was the consensus of the Committee that there should be some coordination of planning in the related

fields

fields of export controls, transportation, allocations of resources and internal security. The OMI member suggested that his agency was the one actually charged with the responsibility for such coordination.

VI. Elimination of Restrictive Business Practices adversely affecting War Production or access to Raw Materials (FER P-12)

The Committee considered FER P-12.

The Justice member proposed and the Committee accepted the amendment of the second sentence on page 3 to read:

"This would almost certainly be true of restraints imposed by foreign producers affecting production or marketing in other countries that was of direct interest to the US war effort and would particularly be true of restraints imposed abroad upon raw materials needed for production within this country."

The Defense member asked whether it might not be appropriate to have some reference in FER P-12 to US legislation which might affect war production, access to raw materials, and marketing. The Justice member stated that although this question had implications in the foreign field it was basically a domestic problem. He stated that the war-time authority of the President in a Plan D Minus situation is broad enough to permit him to take any action which he may deem necessary for the successful prosecution of the war. It was his view that it was unnecessary to consider in advance this problem as it might exist in a Plan C situation.

The Chairman suggested that the Department of State, in cooperation with the Departments of Commerce and Justice, pull together for convenient further reference all existing information on restrictive arrangements involving strategic commodities. He asked that the Justice and Commerce members nominate individuals who could assist Mr. Dixon of the State Department on this project and that these individuals contact Mr. Dixon directly.

The Joint Committee approved FER P-12 as amended.

VII. Planning for US Production and Procurement Abroad (FER P-17)

The Committee had a short discussion of FER P-17 in which the Agriculture and Treasury members proposed certain changes. In view of the late hour the Committee agreed to postpone further consideration of FER P-17 until its next meeting. The changes proposed by Agriculture and Treasury will be reported in the minutes of the next meeting.