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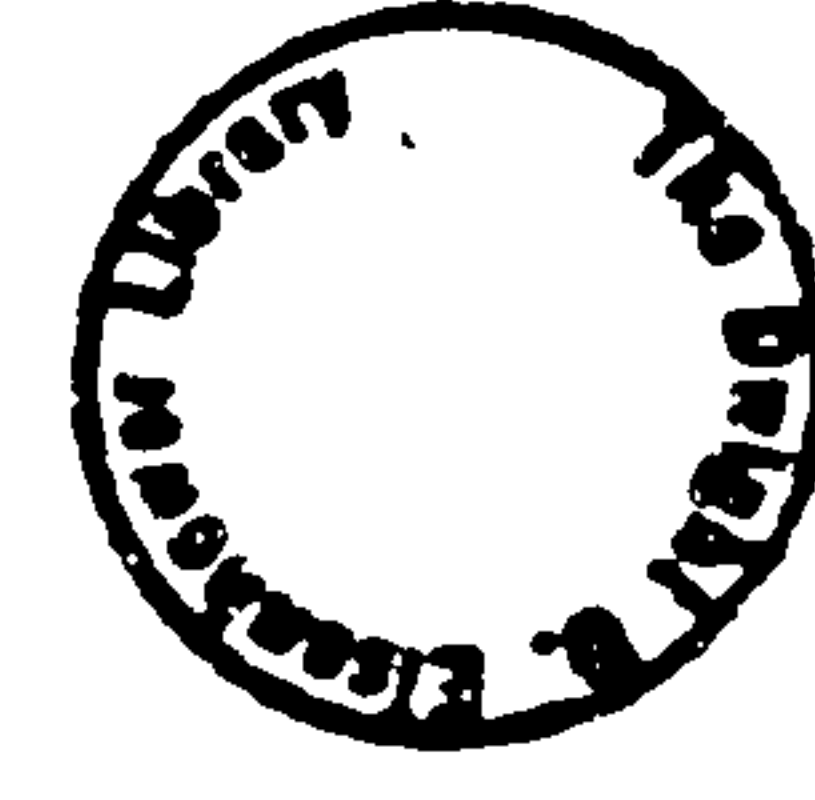
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Recommendations Regarding the National Security Council

At the direction of the President his enclosed letter and its attachments consisting of a memorandum for the President from Mr. Cutler and his report on the subject are circulated herewith for the information and guidance of the National Security Council. Special attention is called to the third paragraph of the President's letter, about which Mr. Cutler will confer with you individually.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

- cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
- The Acting Director of Defense Mobilization
- The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- The Director of Central Intelligence
- The Director, Bureau of the Budget

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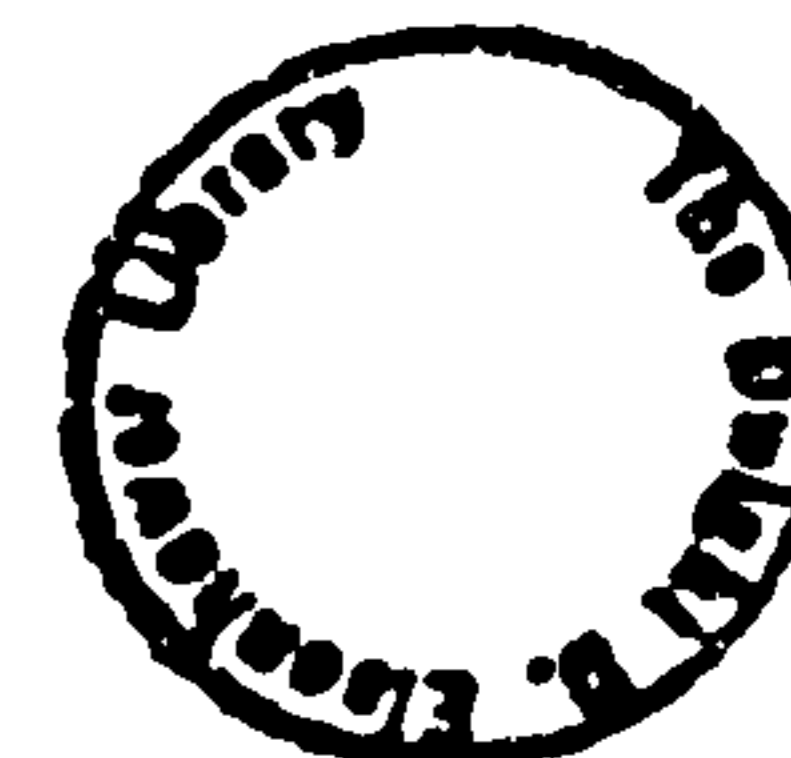
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

March 17, 1953



Dear Mr. Cutler:

I am returning your letter to me dated March 16, 1953, with its enclosed report of recommendations regarding the National Security Council. I understand that in the preparation of this report you have had the assistance of the Director and Staff of the Bureau of the Budget and of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization.

I approve both your letter and the recommendations, and direct that they be circulated promptly to the Council for information and guidance.

Please call the special attention of Council Members to Part VI of the Report ("Planning Board of the Council"). It is my wish that you bring to me as soon as you conveniently can the names of persons nominated by department and agency heads as Members or Advisers of the Planning Board, who are approved by you, so that I can decide on their appointments and the Planning Board can begin its function. I place great emphasis on the selection of men of high calibre for these positions, able to devote plenty of time to their Planning Board functions; for thereby the Council will be better able to operate promptly and effectively.

You will submit the appropriate budget amendments for FY 1954 to the Bureau of the Budget and take up with Mr. Steffan the arrangement for necessary space in the Executive Offices Building, capable of being made into a restricted security area.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mr. Robert Cutler  
The White House

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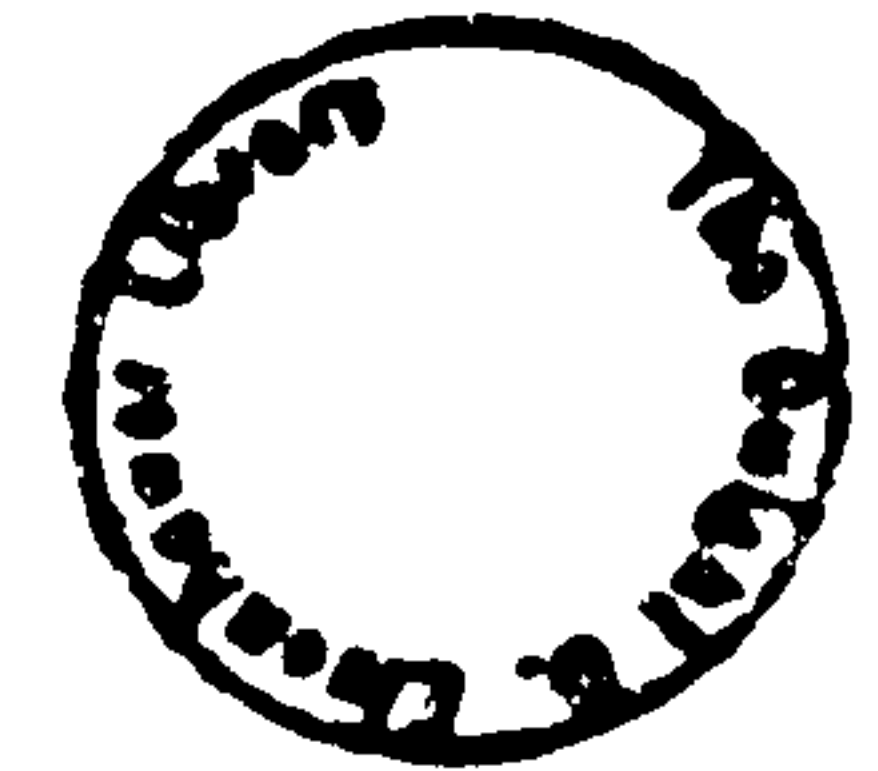
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16 March 1953



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Recommendations Regarding the National Security Council

I submit my recommendations for making the National Security Council more capable of carrying out effectively its statutory functions. The principal recommendations are summarized at the end of the attached Report (Part IX).

Since 20 January 1953, I have participated in the daily work of the Council and its Committees, studied its policy papers and various reports, and held conferences (including three eight-hour round-table discussions) with experienced advisers.

The Council, as top mechanism in Government for aiding in formulation of security policies, has a policy planning function and a supporting staff function:

(a) The policy-planning function should be exercised through the Council itself, composed of the highest security advisers of the President, and through a Planning Board (now called "Senior Staff"), composed of top-flight personnel to be appointed by the President from the departments and agencies. The President should appoint on his White House staff a "Special Assistant for National Security Affairs", who would insure that the President's views as to policy-planning are carried out, would act as executive officer at Council Meetings, and would preside over the Planning Board. The persons referred to in (a) would be part of and change with the Administration.

(b) The supporting staff function should be exercised through a high-calibre, permanent Council Staff, not subject to change with political change. This permanent Staff would furnish both a necessary continuity in highly sensitive matters and also maximum staff assistance to the policy-makers. The Special Assistant to the President would supervise, but not be a member of, this permanent Staff.

I wish to retain on this permanent Staff Mr. Lay and Mr. Gleason, who are devoted, capable, and well-informed. They will provide continuity, effectively operate the staff mechanism, and greatly help in the policy planning.

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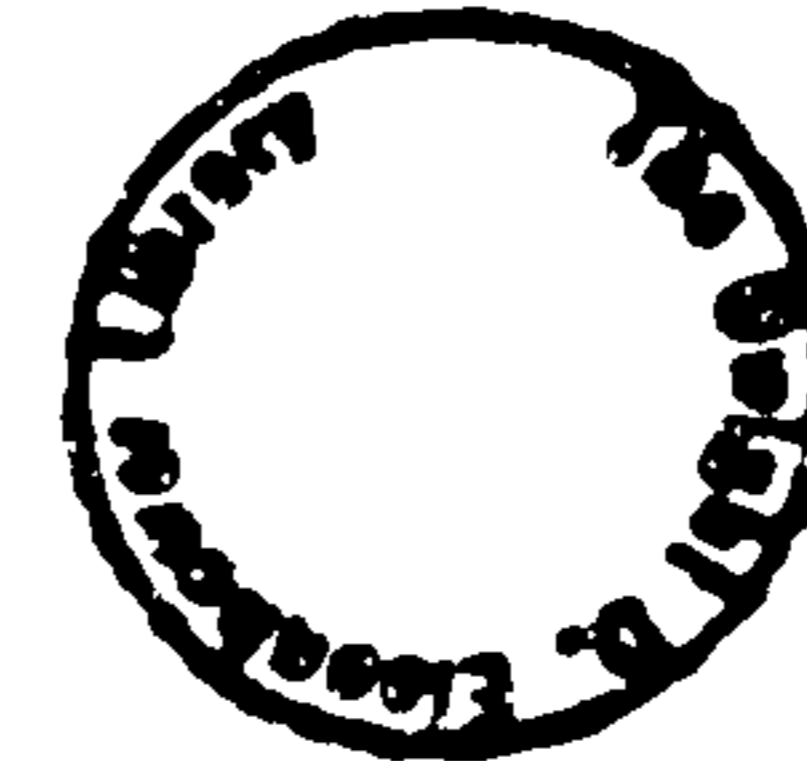
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My recommendations call for adding some Staff personnel to perform functions for which no staff personnel now exist (the six NSC Staff "think" personnel being already fully occupied). For a full year, carrying out all my recommendations would increase White House and Council expense by some \$65,000.

/s/ Robert Cutler



ROBERT CUTLER  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

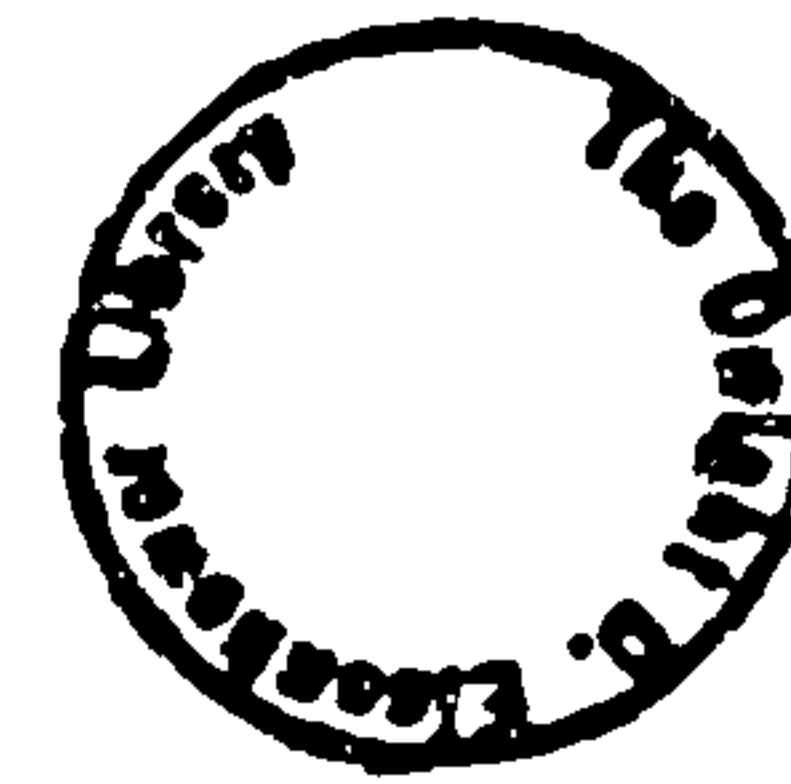
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REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



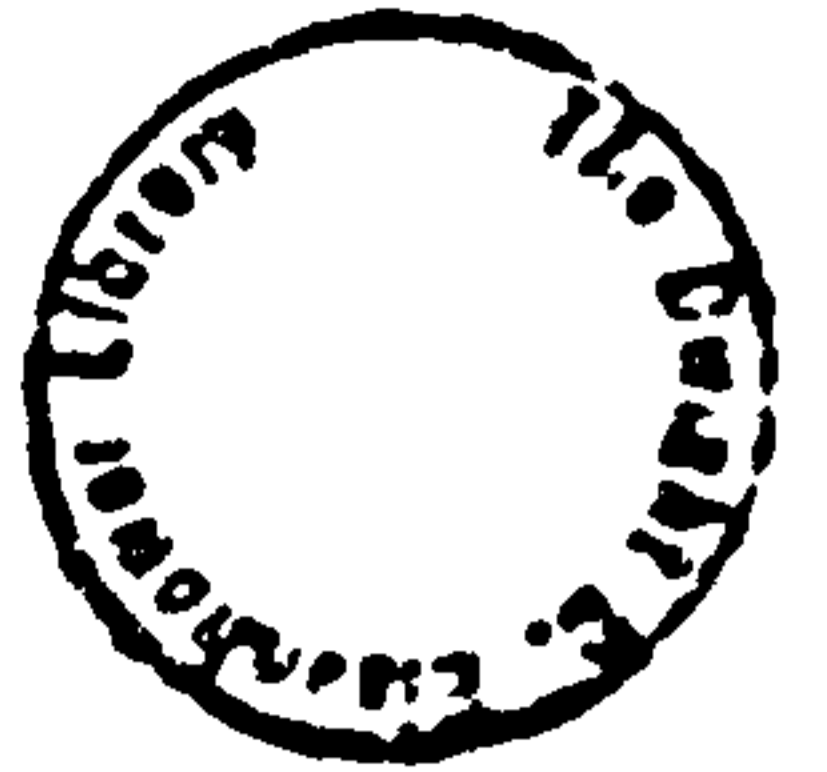
- Part I Statutory Functions of the Council
- Part II The Council Machinery
- Part III Membership in the Council
- Part IV Council Meetings
- Part V Executive Officers of the Council
- Part VI Planning Board of the Council
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- Part VIII Estimated Council Budget
- Part IX Summary of Principal Recommendations

ROBERT CUTLER  
Special Assistant to the President

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PART I. STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. The National Security Act of 1947 establishes: (Title I) the National Security Council,\* the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Resources Board; and (Title II) the National Military Establishment. The preamble to the Act declares "the intent of Congress to provide a comprehensive program for the future security of the United States; to provide for the establishment of integrated policies and procedures for the departments, agencies, and functions of the Government relating to the national security...."

2. Title I of the Act, titled "Coordination for National Security," states the functions of the Council:

a. "to advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to the national security so as to enable the military services and the other departments and agencies of the Government to cooperate more effectively in matters involving the national security."

b. to perform "such other functions as the President may direct for the purpose of more effectively coordinating the policies and functions of the departments and agencies of the Government relating to the national security."

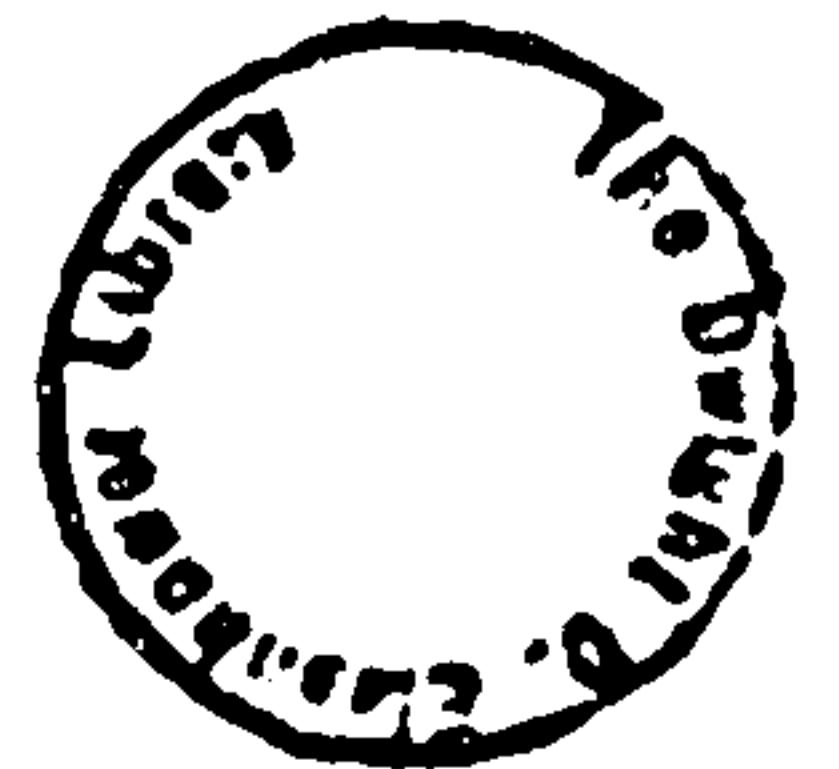
c. from time to time to "make such recommendations, and such other reports to the President as it seems appropriate or as the President may require."

Title I further states that "it shall, subject to the direction of the President, be the duty of the Council:

a. to assess and appraise the objectives, commitments and risks of the United States in relation to our actual and potential military power, in the interest of national security, for the purpose of making recommendations to the President in connection therewith; and

b. to consider policies on matters of common interest to the departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national security,

\*Since the 1949 amendment, the NSC has been a part of the Executive Office of the President.



and to make recommendations to the President in connection therewith."

3. Other parts of Title I provide that the Central Intelligence Agency is "under the direction of" the Council, and that the Atomic Energy Commission may communicate restricted data to other nations, provided that the President makes a determination based on a "written recommendation" of the Council.

4. Explicit or implicit in the governing statute are these basic concepts:

a. NSC deals only with issues affecting the national security;

b. NSC is advisory; by advice and recommendations to the President, it aids him to resolve the executive will;

c. NSC seeks to integrate domestic, foreign, and military policies so as to enable Government agencies to cooperate more effectively in national security matters;

d. NSC acts, according to Presidential direction, to coordinate more effectively policies and functions of Government agencies relating to the national security;

e. NSC is concerned with both our actual and our potential military power;

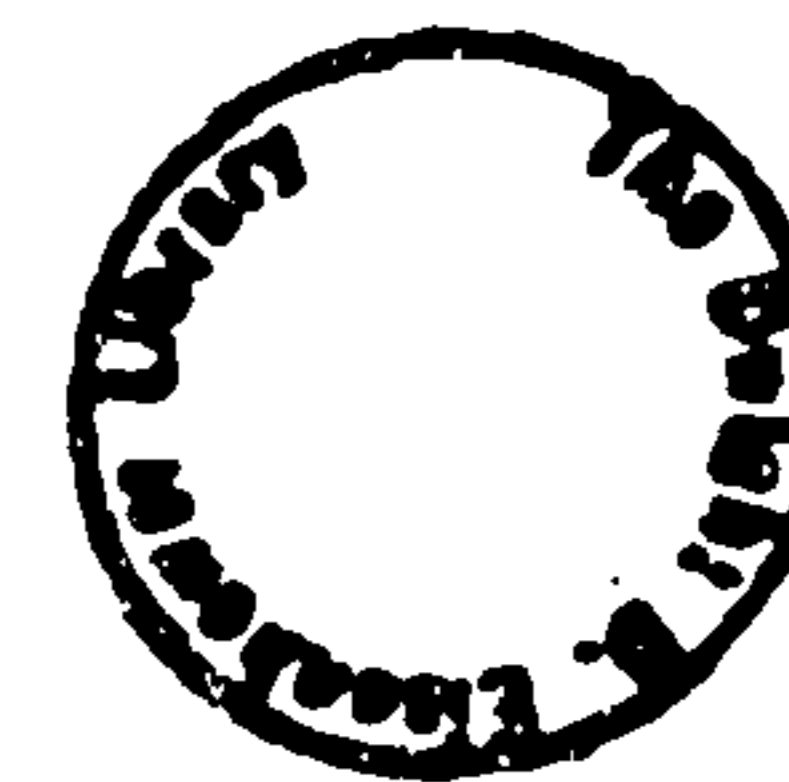
f. NSC is not limited to areas of agency agreement; on its own initiative, NSC may seek out areas of agency conflict or omission to act, so as to present alternative or new courses of action for executive decision.

5. The Council is a mechanism to aid the President in formulating national security policy. In that area, it should perform whatever functions the President thinks will help him best. It is believed that a proper appreciation and application of the foregoing concepts will make the NSC operate effectively. No revision of the statutory statement of functions is required.

PART II. THE COUNCIL MACHINERY

The National Security Council now operates through the following mechanisms:

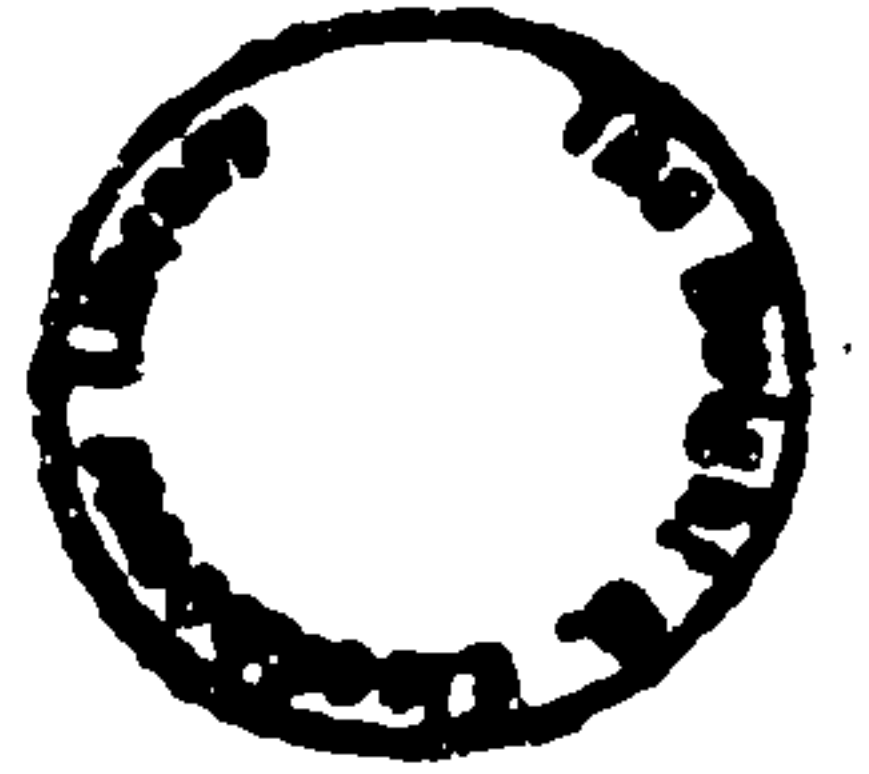
1. The Council itself
  - a. Council Meetings
  - b. Special Committee on Atomic Energy -  
Secretary of State, Chairman  
Secretary of Defense  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
  - c. Special Committee on COMINT (Supervises USCIB)  
Secretary of State, Chairman  
Secretary of Defense  
Attorney General (on matters affecting FBI)
  - d. Ad hoc Committees and Consultants
2. The Council Staff Organization
  - a. The Senior Staff
  - b. The Permanent Staff
3. Advisory Committees appointed by the Council:
  - a. Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference -  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chairman  
Director of Intelligence, U.S. Army  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Director of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force  
(NSC Representative on Internal Security - adviser)
  - b. Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security -  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Chairman  
Director, Office of Controls, State Department



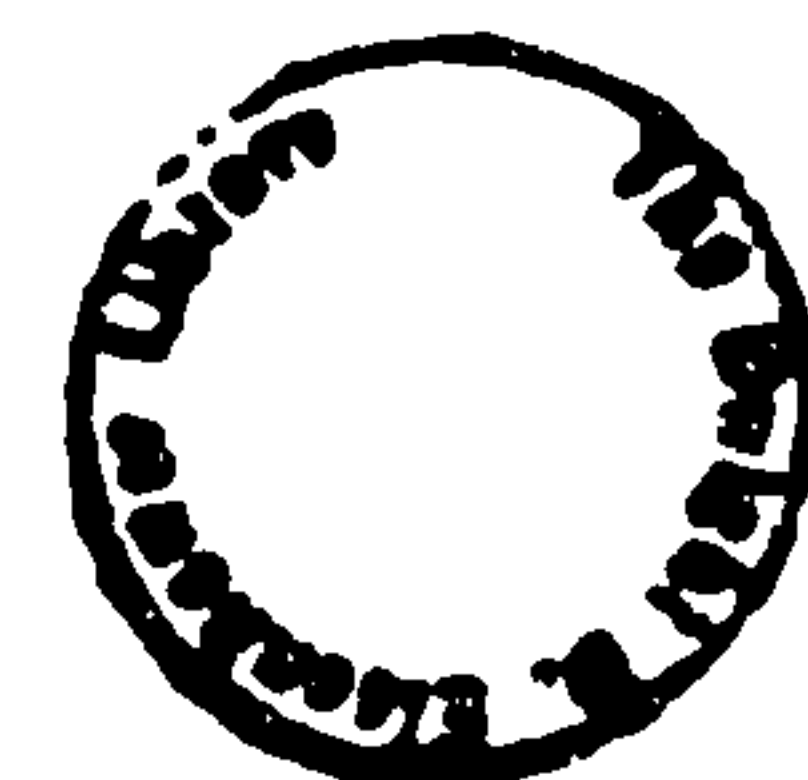


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Director, Continental U.S. Defense  
Planning Group, Department of  
Defense  
Chief Coordinator, Treasury  
Enforcement Agencies, Treasury  
Department  
(NSC Representative on Internal  
Security - adviser)



4. Joint Chiefs of Staff:
  - a. "principal military advisers" to the NSC
5. The Central Intelligence Agency:
  - a. established "under" the Council
  - b. functions "under the direction of" the Council
  - c. intelligence adviser to the Council
6. Psychological Strategy Board:
  - a. reports to the Council on its activities and on its evaluation of the national psychological operations, including implementation of approved objectives, policies, and programs by the departments and agencies concerned.



PART III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL

1. In order to make possible a genuine exchange of ideas and foster free discussion, there should not, as a general rule, be more than eight persons who have the right formally to participate as Council members. This number includes Statutory Members and standing-request and ad hoc Participant Members; but does not include Advisers, Observers, and the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and NSC Staff Members.

2. Statutory Members. An ideal statute would provide that the Council should consist of the President, the Vice-President, and such other Members as the President from time to time might designate. However, in view of legislative history and present circumstances, it may be practicable to amend the statute only by (a) eliminating the provision requiring Senate confirmation of persons additionally designated by the President to the Council, (b) adding the Secretary of the Treasury, (c) transferring the Council membership of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board (which Board is to be merged into ODM) to the Director of Defense Mobilization. It will be desirable for the immediately ensuing future that the functions of the Treasury, of Mutual Security, and of Defense Mobilization be represented on the Council, either through Statutory Membership or standing-request Participant Membership. Therefore, pending final decision as to statutory change, this report does not distinguish between Statutory and Permanent-Request Membership in stating those who regularly attend Council Meetings as follows:

President	Secretary of Defense
Vice President	Director for Mutual Security*
Secretary of State	Director of Defense Mobilization
Secretary of the Treasury	

3. Participant Members. In addition to Statutory Members, the President should be free to invite such other officials of Government to attend as Participant Members, as his convenience and the agenda items at a particular Meeting make desirable. Such invitations may be either on standing-request or ad hoc basis. A standing-request Participant Member attends all Meetings until the President otherwise

\*The present title for the head of the Mutual Security function is used in this report. It is understood that this title may later be changed.

decides. An ad hoc Participant Member attends only such Meeting, or part of a Meeting, as he may be specifically invited to attend.

4. Advisers, Observers, Staff. In addition to Statutory and Participant Members, there will be in attendance at each Council meeting the following persons who do not formally participate as Council Members:

- a. Advisers: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Special Assistant to the President for Cold War Planning
- b. Observers: Such person or persons as the President may desire to attend for the purpose of observing, but not participating, - like his Military Liaison Officer. Observers are not seated at the table.
- c. Staff: Special Assistant to the President  
Executive Secretary  
Deputy Executive Secretary

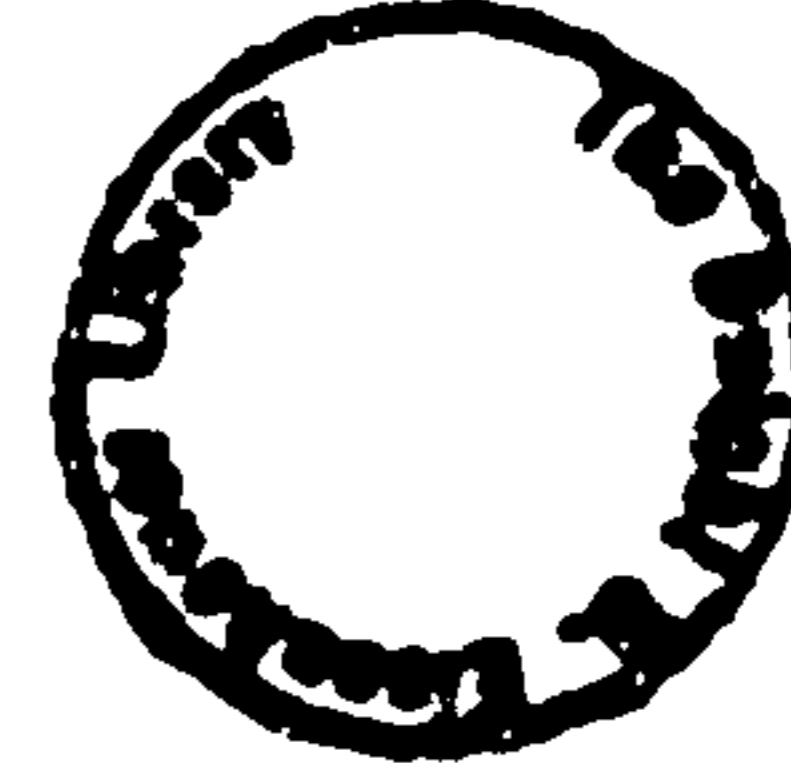
5. a. Civilians without departmental responsibilities should not be invited to sit as Participant Members.

b. In order to bring to the Council deliberations a fresh, frequently-changing civilian point of view and to gain public understanding of national security problems through the use of civilians of stature, from time to time the President should appoint on an ad hoc basis one or more Civilian Consultants or small Civilian Committees as informal Advisers to the Council. This mechanism should be so used that no public impression arise that any persons or committees have been interposed between the President and his responsible Cabinet Ministers. Therefore, as a general rule, a Civilian Consultant should not formally participate in a Council Meeting and a Civilian Committee should appear at a Council Meeting only when its report is presented.

c. Examples of potential usefulness of Civilian Consultants or Civilian Committees -

(1) to consider and report to the Council on some specific new proposal or some long-range general project, after which its report would be reviewed by the departments and agencies concerned.

(2) to review for the Council some proposal developed and recommended by the Policy Planning Board.



PART IV. COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. A regular Council Meeting time should be established and maintained, except in emergency or when omitted; such as Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. until luncheon. Special Council Meetings should be called by the Special Assistant at the request of the President.

2. The agenda for a Council Meeting should be determined by the President, acting through the Special Assistant. Selectivity and discretion must be used in composing the agenda.

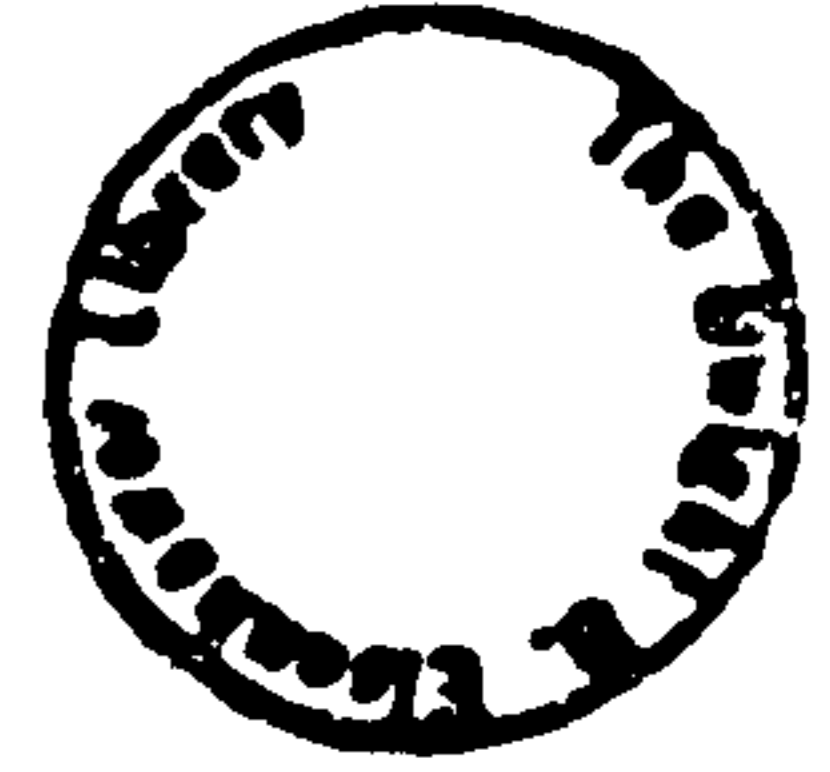
3. Each Statutory and Participant Member and each Adviser should attend every Council Meeting in person. If substitution is necessary, the identity of the substitute should be cleared with the Special Assistant before the Meeting in sufficient time for Presidential consideration.

4. If the President is unable to attend a Meeting, he should designate to preside in his place (in priority): The Vice-President; the Secretary of State. The Special Assistant never presides.

5. The President as Chairman should lead the discussion at Council Meetings. He should exercise that leadership by asking for views around the table so as to bring out conflicts and so as to create a sense of team participation among those present in making the policy which they must later carry out. The Presidential decision may be announced at a Meeting or upon further consideration of the recommendations made to him at such Meeting.

6. Members of the Congress should not be asked to attend meetings of the National Security Council.

PART V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL



1. The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs should be the principal executive officer of the National Security Council and should serve as Chairman of the Council's Planning Board. He should not have status as a Statutory or Participant Member or preside at Council Meetings. He should be appointed by the President on the White House Staff and compensated at \$20,000 a year.

2. There should be an Executive Secretary and a Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, appointed by the President and compensated respectively at \$15,000 and \$14,000 a year. Under the supervision of the Special Assistant, the Executive Secretary should be the head of the NSC Staff, act for the Special Assistant in his absence, and advise and aid him in the performance of his duties.

3. The principal duties of the Special Assistant should include:

a. Determination of agenda for, and presentation of material for discussion at, Council meetings.

b. Briefing the President during the afternoon before each Council Meeting on matters covered by the agenda, assisted by the Executive Secretary.

c. Determination of agenda and scheduling of work for Planning Board meetings.

d. Presiding at, and participating in, Planning Board meetings.

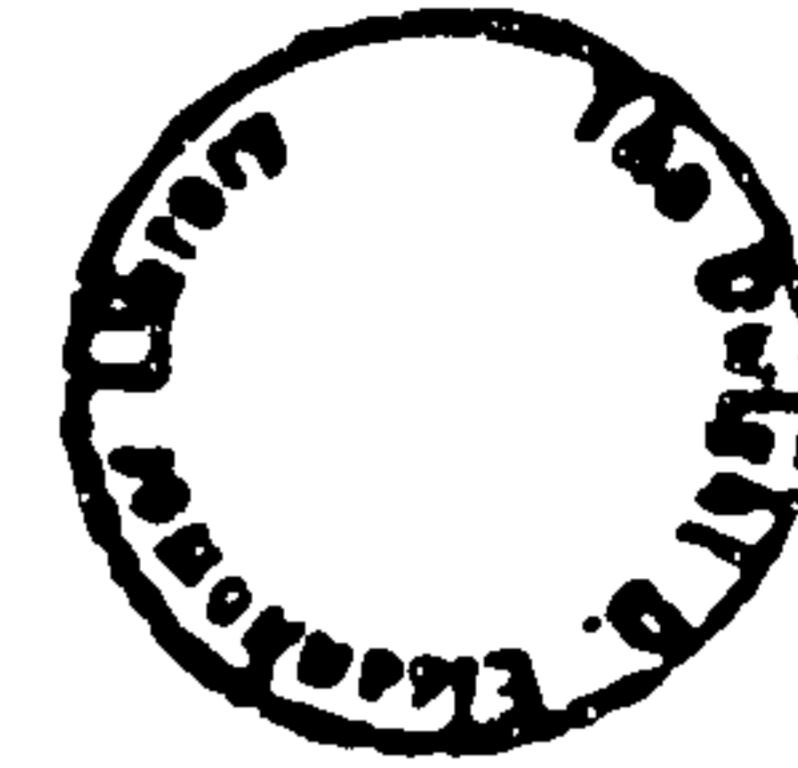
e. Responsibility for the rate of flow of work through the Planning Board, and the manner of presentation and quality of such work.

f. Appointment of ad hoc Staff groups and ad hoc Civilian or Civilian-Staff committees.

g. Bringing to the attention of the President, with recommendations for appropriate action, lack of progress on the part of an agency in carrying out a particular policy which has been assigned to it;

where it is not possible to expedite performance at the Planning Board level.\*

h. Supervision, through the Executive Secretary, of the work of the NSC Staff (See Part VII).

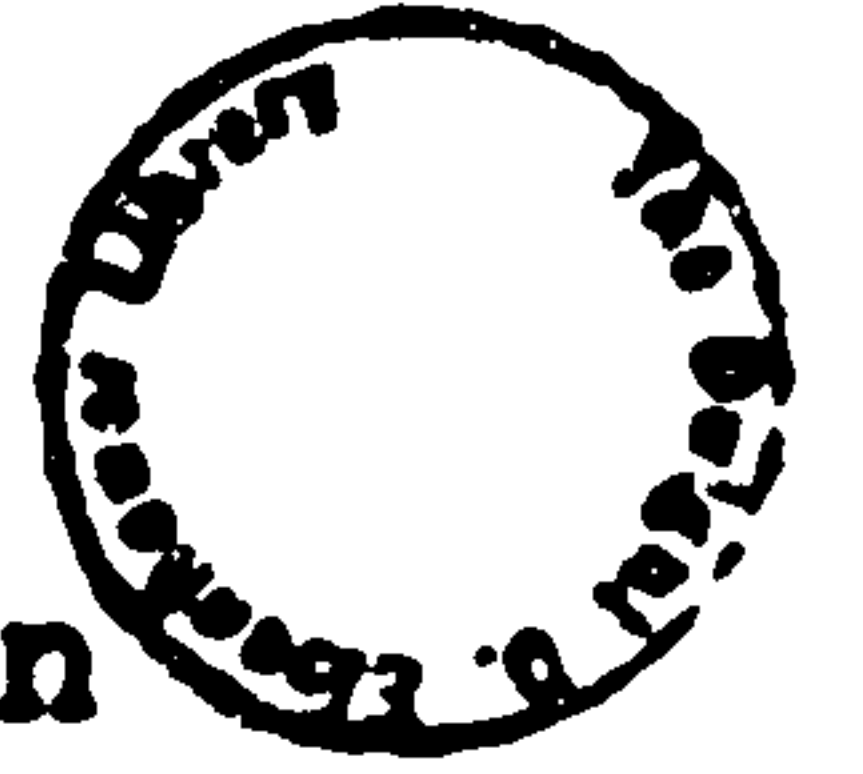


\*The Council is an advisory, not an operational, body. It is not appropriate for its permanent Staff to follow-up on policy performance, beyond the valid requirements now in effect for periodic progress reports and semi-annual status of projects reports.

Once a policy is assigned among Cabinet members for performance, each such Cabinet member is responsible to the President for accomplishing his assignment. Because the President himself has not the time to undertake the various follow-ups, the Special Assistant should bring to his attention situations where progress is delayed, with recommendations for action. The Special Assistant's function should be to inspect, not to evaluate or direct. Upon receiving the Special Assistant's report and recommendations, the President should decide whether to put the matter on the Council agenda for an ensuing meeting, appoint an ad hoc Council Committee, appoint an ad hoc Civilian Committee, or deal otherwise directly or indirectly with the problem.

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PART VI. PLANNING BOARD OF THE COUNCIL



1. At present, the principal body for formulation and transmission of policy recommendations to the Council is called the "Senior Staff". Composed of Members and Advisers from departments and agencies concerned with national security, it has these functions:

a. To anticipate and identify problems and situations affecting the security objectives, commitments, and risks of the United States, and initiate action to provide the required analyses and draft policy statements for the consideration of the Council.

b. To facilitate the formulation of policies, during the process of drafting policy recommendations, by marshaling the resources of the respective departments and agencies; by identifying the possible alternatives; by endeavoring to achieve acceptable agreements; by discussing differences; by avoiding undesirable compromises which conceal or gloss over real differences; and by reducing differences to as clearly defined and narrow an area as possible prior to reference to the Council.

2. The name, "Senior Staff", should be changed to Planning Board. This Board should have the same functions, be strictly limited as to membership, and be composed of persons from these offices:

Members           Special Assistant to the President  
                          (Chairman)  
                          Department of State  
                          Department of the Treasury  
                          Department of Defense  
                          Director for Mutual Security  
                          Office of Defense Mobilization

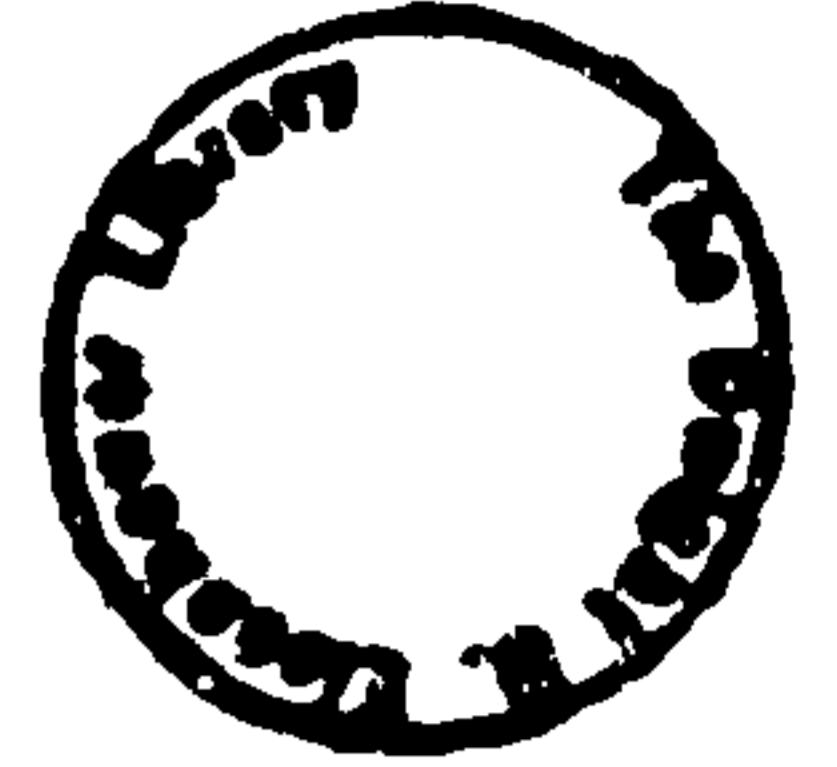
Advisers           Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
                          Central Intelligence Agency  
                          Psychological Strategy Board

Staff               Executive Secretary  
                          Deputy Executive Secretary  
                          Coordinator, Board Assistants

a. Each Adviser has the full right to have included in any report sent up to the Council, in his own words, any disagreement on the part of his department or agency with any part of such report.

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b. Other departments and agencies may be asked by the Board's Chairman to attend meetings of the Board on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with the agenda to be taken up at a particular meeting.



3. The effective functioning of the Council is directly related to the calibre of the Planning Board personnel and to the amount of time which each Member or Adviser devotes to his Planning Board work. To that end, a Member or Adviser should:

a. be nominated by the head of the department or agency to the President;

b. be appointed by the President, upon approval by the Special Assistant; with the title of "Special Assistant to the (Secretary of State) for NSC Affairs";

c. have as his principal responsibility, which overrides all other duties and with which no other duty can interfere, his work with the Board, including preparation for and attendance at meetings; yet at the same time continue to be sufficiently in the stream of activity of his department or agency so as to be capable of representing its views;

d. have direct access to and the personnel confidence of the head of his department or agency;

e. have the authority of the head of his department or agency to utilize its resources to perform his Board function;

f. have an unbreakable engagement to brief the head of his department or agency before every Council Meeting;

g. have such Assistants as the size and demands of his department or agency require;

h. have access to a study room at the NSC offices.

4. The Planning Board is assisted in the drafting of papers by the Assistants (4-g above), acting under a Coordinator selected from the NSC Staff.

5. The Special Assistant, as Chairman, should preside at Board Meetings. He should set the frame of reference and analyze the problem at the outset. He should lead the



discussion in such manner as to bring out the most active participation by all present and the most expeditious dispatch of business.

6. In order for the Board properly to function, each Board Member and Adviser should be prepared promptly to state to the Board the views of his department or agency as to a report being prepared in its final form for submission to the Council.

7. Since each Board Member or Adviser must express and stand by his honest views, those views, if substantial conflicts cannot be fairly resolved, may never be suppressed or compromised, but should be reported to the Council.

8. The traffic of ideas to the Board may be either (a) from the Council downward for study and report back with recommendations, or (b) from any department or agency, or (c) from any Member or Adviser of the Board. Good ideas may germinate at any level. It is important that the Board be constantly made aware of the matters in which the Council is interested and desires to have worked upon in priority. It is also important that if an idea germinates other than in a department or agency which is concerned with the general area, such department or agency should be consulted in establishing the frame of reference.

9. Papers sent up from the Board to the Council for action, if longer than a few pages (which may well be necessary for background material) should be preceded by a summary or the specific recommendations (referring to numbered paragraphs in the longer text).

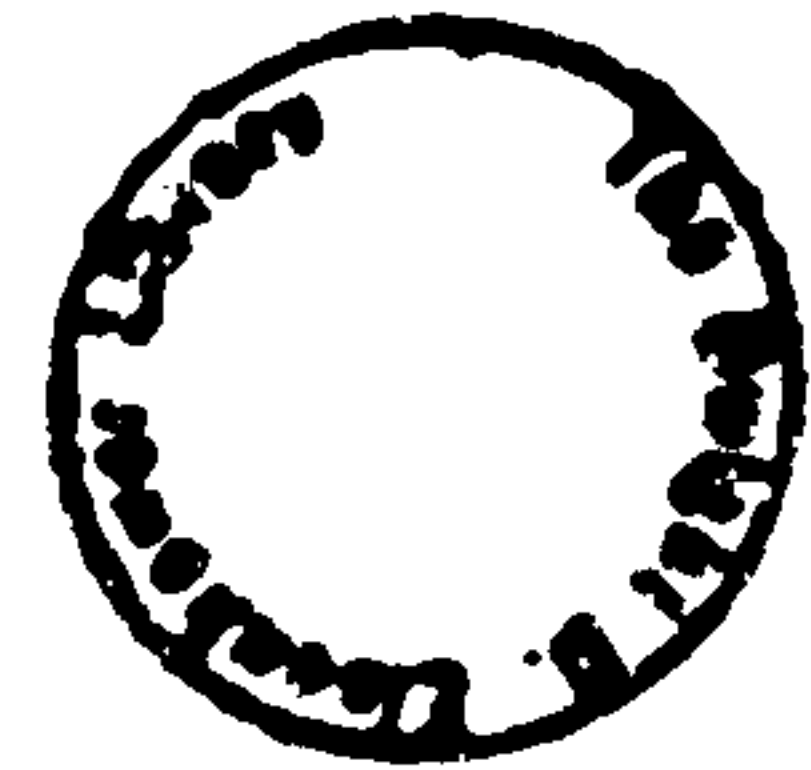
#### PART VII. THE NSC STAFF

1. The NSC Staff will continue to perform the following duties -

a. Furnishing the secretariat for the Council, including the preparation of the agenda, record of actions and status of projects, reproducing and distributing papers for the Council, and maintaining the official Council files.

b. Acting as the official channel of communication for the Council, including notifying agencies of assignments to carry out approved policies.

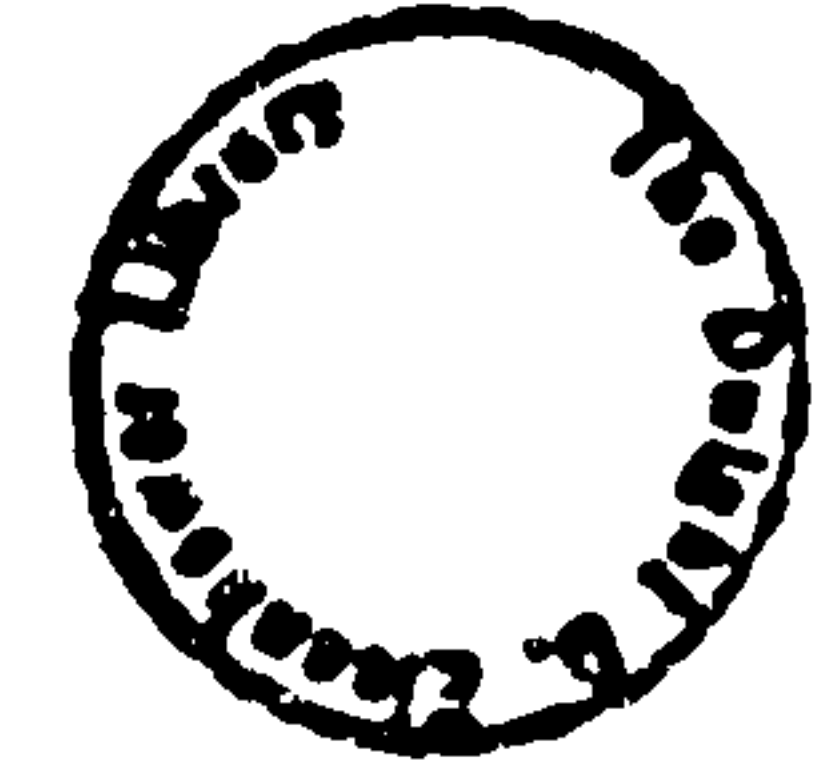
c. Briefing the Vice-President before each Council Meeting on matters covered by the agenda, and providing him with such other staff assistance on NSC matters as he may desire.



d. Matters related to personnel, pay and office facilities.

e. Preparation of the Budget.

f. The operations of the Reporting Unit.



2. The present NSC Staff consists of:

- (a) Executive (7) Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary, Administrative Officer, 3 secretaries, 1 chauffeur-messenger
- (b) Internal Security (2) - Internal Security Officer, 1 secretary
- (c) Registry (8) - Assistant to Executive Secretary, Administrative Assistant, 6 secretarial-clerical
- (d) Reporting Unit (3) - Assistant Executive Secretary, 1 Assistant, 1 secretary
- (e) Staff Assistants (3) - Coordinator of Staff Assistants, Research Assistant, 1 secretary

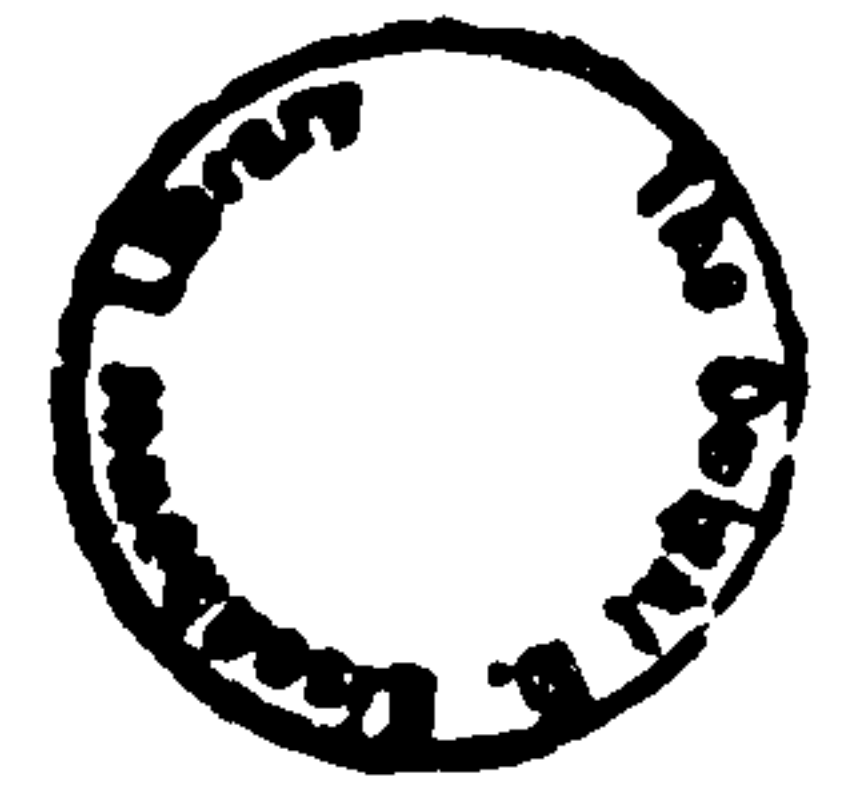
This total personnel (23) is fully engaged in carrying on necessary staff work.

3. There has been too great a time-lag between the initiation of a project and action upon it by the Council. As of February 16, 1953 20 projects were before or on their way up to the Council, after time-lapse as follows -

<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Pending Final Action</u>
3	over 20 months
3	over 10 months
5	over 4 months
1	over 2 months
8	less than 1 month

This time-lag can be reduced by a strengthened Planning Board, by provision of a directing executive with ready access to the President, and by adding three Special Staff personnel.

4. The NSC Staff should be strengthened by the creation of a small Special Staff to assist in performing, among other, the following duties -



a. independent analysis and review of each Planning Board report before its submission to the Council by -

(1) examination of all documents (such as intelligence estimates, JCS papers, evaluations by theater commanders, etc.) referred to in the report in order to verify the reference.

(2) examination of the report to determine that it states the issues comprehensively and clearly; that it develops the subject logically and presents, as a standard procedure, the alternative courses of action and the factors which support and which oppose each alternative; and that the conclusions reached are meaningful as operational guidances.

(3) amendment of the report, in conformity with (1) and (2), before final approval and forwarding by the Planning Board. If the reviewing function cannot be completed by a deadline, the report should be forwarded marked "tentative" and later be fully reviewed before the subject is considered disposed of.

b. continuous examination of the totality of national security policies with a view to determining if gaps exist which should be filled and if important issues or anticipated developments are sufficiently explored.

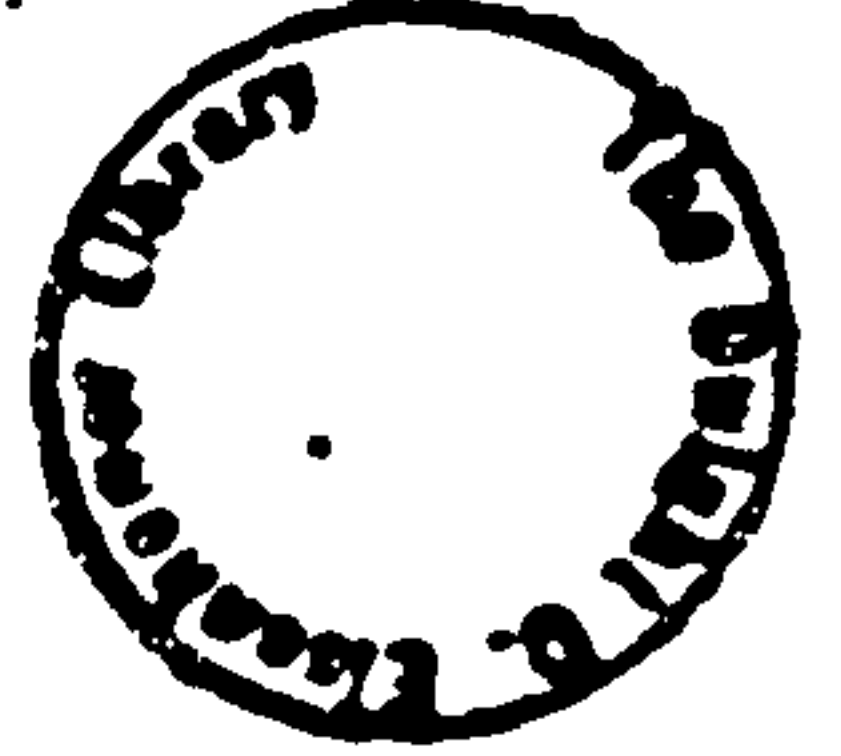
c. continuing integrated evaluation of the capabilities of the free world versus the capabilities of the Soviet and satellites, and estimates of the situation, in order to bring such evaluations and estimates before the Council.

d. providing a chairman or member of, or observer with, ad hoc civilian or civilian-staff committees, and assistance, in recruiting such committees.

e. keeping currently informed on the status of all national security programs and seeing that reports and pertinent information thereon are currently available (thus incorporating the present functions of the Reporting Unit).

5. a. Members of this Special Staff should be employed (full or part-time) by the Executive Secretary, subject to the approval of the Special Assistant. The annual compensation, depending upon age and experience, should be between \$6,000 and \$14,800.

b. The ideal person for the Special Staff should have intellectual breadth and acuity, general experience, capacity for work, selflessness, tact and ability to work with others, rather than any specialized knowledge in a particular field. It will be desirable that one member of the Special Staff have an experience background in scientific problems.



c. The Deputy Executive Secretary should be a member of and supervise the Special Staff, and be responsible for its assignments, work load, and functioning.

6. The Internal Security Officer should be provided with a Staff Assistant, because of his work load and responsibility.

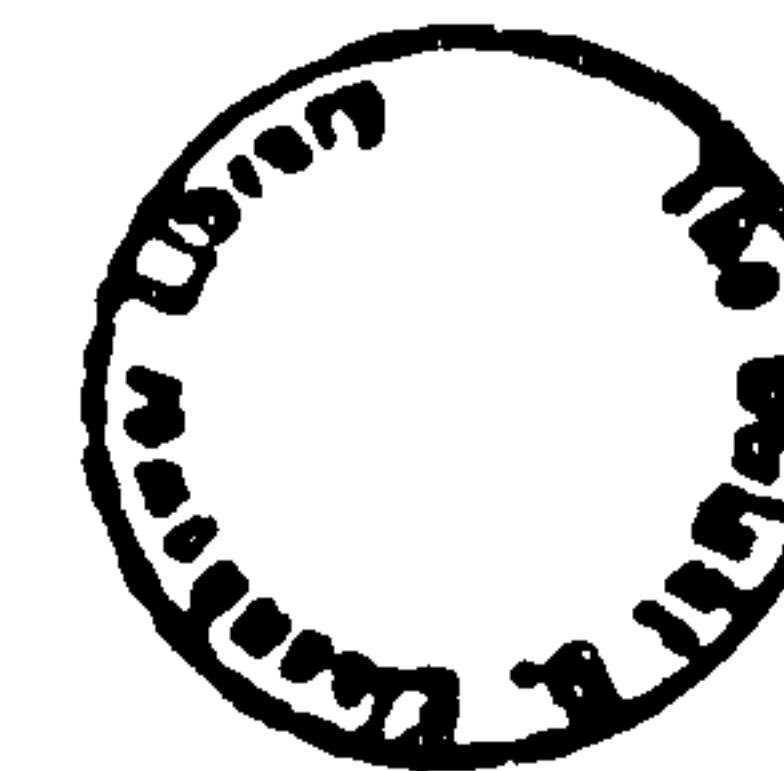
7. The permanent Council Staff, upon carrying into effect the above recommendations, would consist of 28 persons:

- (a) Executive (6) - Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary, Administrative Officer, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 secretary, 1 chauffeur-messenger
- (b) Internal Security (3) - Internal Security Officer, 1 Assistant, 1 secretary
- (c) Registry (8) - Assistant to the Executive Secretary, 1 Administrative Assistant, 6 secretarial-clerical
- (d) Board Assistants (3) - Coordinator of Board Assistants, Research Assistant, 1 secretary
- (e) Special Staff (8) - 3 Staff members, 2 Staff Assistants, 1 Administrative Assistant, 2 secretaries

The above tabulation does not include the Special Assistant to the President and his secretary, who are members of the White House Staff.

8. There should be allocated in the Executive Offices Building space sufficient to accommodate the personnel described in this report, including the Special Assistant to the President and his secretary. Such space should be so located as to be capable of being made a restricted security area.

PART VIII. ESTIMATED COUNCIL BUDGET

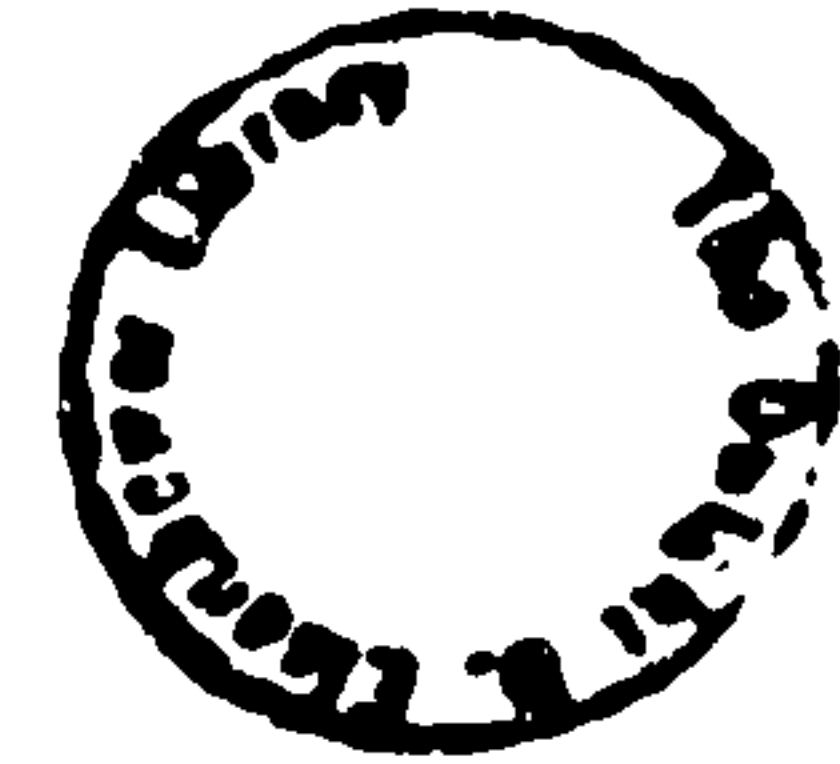


	Truman Budget Estimate <u>FY 1954</u>	Revised Budget Estimate <u>FY 1954</u>	/	<u>Increase</u>
01 Personal Services	150,500	202,000	/	51,500 *
02 Travel	500	5,000	/	4,500 *
04 Communication Services	2,300	2,500	/	200
06 Printing and Reproduction	500	1,000	/	500
07 Other Contractual Services	1,740	2,000	/	260
08 Supplies and Material	2,000	2,500	/	500
09 Equipment	<u>2,460</u>	<u>5,000</u>	/	<u>2,540</u>
Total	\$160,000	\$220,000	/	\$60,000

\* Principal additional items: increase for Deputy Executive Secretary - \$800; increase for Internal Security Officer - \$1200; provision of Assistant Internal Security Officer - \$5940; provision for Special Staff of two high calibre Staff Members - (\$25,000), one Staff Assistant - \$8350, and one secretary - \$3410; additional allowance for consultants' compensation - \$10,000 (making \$14,800 total); additional allowance for consultants' travel - \$4500 (making \$5000 total).

Notes: (1) The above Revised Budget Estimate FY 1954 does not include the following items to be included in the White House Budget FY 1954: Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (\$20,000 - at present \$15,000); Secretary (\$5,060 - at present, same).

(2) Recommendations for compensation increases will become effective July 1, 1953. To the extent that other recommendations can be implemented during the remainder of FY 1953, funds therefor should be made available from participating NSC agencies.



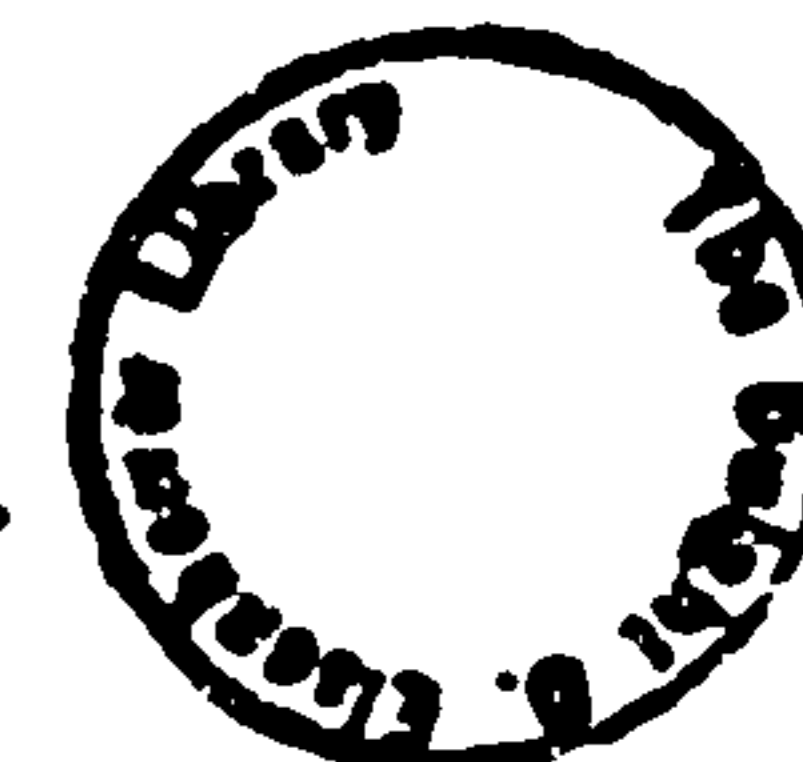
PART IX. SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (Part I) The statutory statement of NSC functions is satisfactory.

2. (Part II) As a general rule, not more than eight persons who participate in discussions should attend Council Meetings.

Attendance at Council Meetings should be as follows:

<u>Statutory Members</u> (amended statute)	}	1.	President
<u>Participant Members</u> (standing-request)		2.	Vice President
		3.	Secretary of State
		4.	Secretary of Treasury
		5.	Secretary of Defense
		6.	Director for Mutual Security
		7.	Director of Defense Mobilization
<u>Participant Members</u> (ad hoc).....			(Such other Government officials as the President may from time to time invite, in accordance with his convenience and the agenda items)
<u>Advisers</u> . . . . .		8.	Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
		9.	Director, Central Intelligence Agency
		10.	Special Assistant to the President for Cold War Planning
<u>Staff</u> . . . . .		11.	Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
		12.	Executive Secretary
		13.	Deputy Executive Secretary
<u>Observers</u> . . . . .			(Such other persons as the President may invite to observe but not to participate)



3. (Part III) Civilians without departmental responsibilities should not be invited to NSC Meetings as Participant Members. Civilian advice and counsel should be obtained through the appointment of civilians, on an ad hoc Consultant or Committee basis, as Advisers to the Council.
4. (Part IV) Members of the Congress should not attend NSC Meetings.
5. (Part IV) A regular Council Meeting time (Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) should be established.
6. (Part IV) The President should designate to preside in his place (in priority): the Vice-President, the Secretary of State.
7. (Part IV) The President may announce his decision upon a policy recommendation at a Meeting, or, upon further consideration, at any time after a Meeting.
8. (Part V) The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs should be the principal executive officer of the Council; should preside as Chairman at and actively participate in meetings of the Council's Planning Board; should be appointed on the White House Staff by the President; and should be compensated at \$20,000 a year.
9. (Part V) Subject to the Special Assistant, the Executive Secretary should head the NSC Staff; should act for the Special Assistant in his absence; and should advise and aid the Special Assistant in the performance of his duties. The Executive Secretary should be appointed by the President and should be compensated at \$15,000 a year.
10. (Part V) The Deputy Executive Secretary should head the NSC Special Staff; should be appointed by the President; and should be compensated at \$14,000 a year.
11. (Part V) During the afternoon before each Council Meeting, the President should be briefed by the Special Assistant, assisted by the Executive Secretary.
12. (Part V) The Special Assistant should bring to the President's attention, with recommendations for appropriate action, lack of progress on the part of a department or agency in carrying out a particular policy.



13. (Part VI) The principal body for the formulation and transmission of policy recommendations to the Council should be a Planning Board, with strictly limited membership. The Board (now called the "Senior Staff") should be composed of personnel from departments and agencies, as follows:

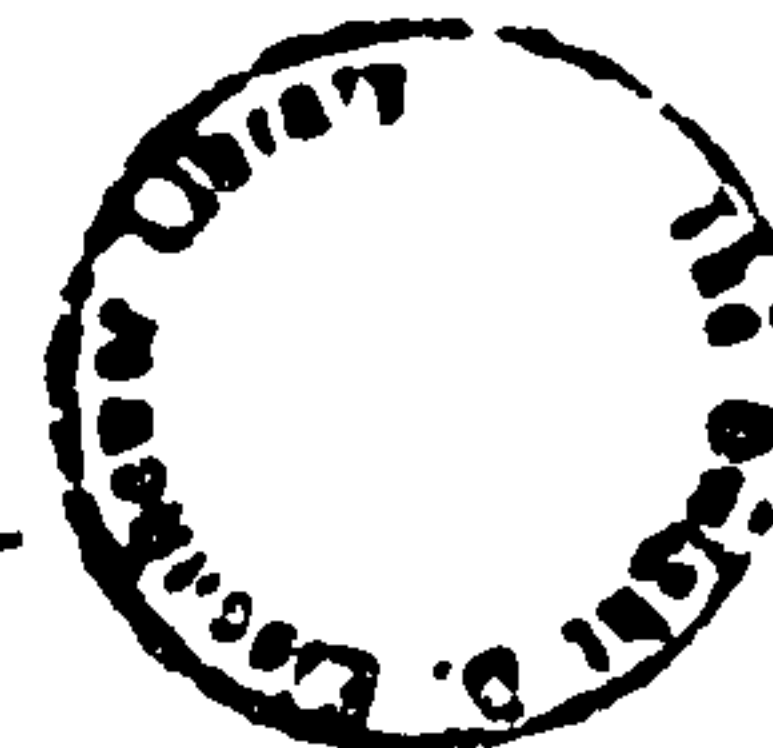
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| <u>Members</u>              | 1. Special Assistant to the President<br>(Chairman)   |
|                             | 2. Department of State  |
|                             | 3. Department of the Treasury   |
|                             | 4. Department of Defense  |
|                             | 5. Director for Mutual Security   |
|                             | 6. Office of Defense Mobilization   |
| * <u>Advisers</u> . . . . . | 7. Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff  |
|                             | 8. Central Intelligence Agency  |
|                             | 9. Psychological Strategy Board   |
| <u>Staff</u> . . . . .      | 10. Executive Secretary   |
|                             | 11. Deputy Executive Secretary  |
|                             | 12. Coordinator, Board Assistants   |
| <u>Ad hoc Members</u> . . . | Such other departments and agencies<br>as the Board Chairman may from<br>time to time invite, in accordance<br>with agenda items. |

\* Each Adviser has the right to have included in any report sent up to the Council any disagreement on the part of his department or agency, expressed in his own words.

14. (Part VI) A Member or Adviser of the Planning Board must:

- a. be nominated by the head of the department or agency to the President;
- b. be appointed by the President, upon approval by the Special Assistant; with the title of "Special Assistant to the (Secretary of State) for National Security Affairs";
- c. have as his principal responsibility, which overrides all other duties and with which no other duty can interfere, his work with the Board; yet at the same time continue to be sufficiently in the stream of activity of his department or agency so as to be capable of representing its views;
- d. have direct access to and the personal confidence of the head of his department or agency;
- e. have the authority of the head of his department or agency to utilize its resources to perform his Board function;





f. have an unbreakable engagement to brief the head of his department or agency before every Council Meeting;

g. have such Assistants as the size and demands of his department or agency require;

h. have access to a study room at the NSC offices.

15. (Part VI) The Chairman of the Planning Board should lead the discussion at Board Meetings in such manner as to bring out the most active participation by all present and the most expeditious dispatch of business.

16. (Part VI) Each Planning Board Member and Adviser should be prepared promptly to state to the Board the views of his department or agency as to any report being prepared in its final form for submission to the Council.

17. (Part VII) The NSC Staff should be responsible for briefing the Vice-President before each Council Meeting, and providing him with such other staff assistance on NSC matters as he may desire.

18. (Part VII) The NSC Staff should be strengthened by the creation of a small Special Staff, under the Deputy Executive Secretary, to perform, in addition to the Reporting Unit function, important functions not hitherto performed: (a) independent analysis and review of Policy Planning Board reports before submission to the Council; (b) continuous examination of the totality of NSC policies to discover gaps, insufficiencies, etc.; (c) continuing integrated evaluation of free world versus Soviet-satellite capabilities; (d) service on ad hoc committees; etc. To this Special Staff should be added 2 high calibre Staff members, 1 Staff Assistant, and 2 secretaries.

19. (Part VII) The NSC Staff should be strengthened by adding an Assistant for the Internal Security Officer.

20. (Part VIII) Approval of all recommendations contained in this report will call for an increase for FY 1954 Budget, over the Truman Estimate FY 1954 Budget, of \$60,000 for the Council and \$5,000 for the White House. Additional funds required for the balance of FY 1953 should be made available from participating NSC agencies.

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