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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1967

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 363

TO: Secretary of Agriculture
Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Secretary of Interior
Secretary of Labor
Director of Selective Service System

SUBJECT: Interagency Advisory Committee on Essential Activities
and Critical Occupations

In the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 the Congress assigned the National Security Council responsibility for periodically advising the Director of the Selective Service". . .with respect to the identification, selection, and deferment of needed professional and scientific personnel and those engaged in, and preparing for, critical skills and other essential occupations. In the performance of its duties. . .the National Security Council shall consider the needs of both the Armed Forces and the civilian segment of the population."

This function in the past has been performed by the Interagency Advisory Committee. The Committee has established procedures, experience, and an expertise.

The President therefore has directed that the Interagency Advisory Committee continue to consider the need for occupational deferments as described in the Act and make recommendations thereon to the National Security Council. The Director of the Selective Service System will be advised of these recommendations by the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.

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By ing, NARA, Date 12-9-87

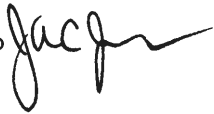
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W. W. Rostow

THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 7, 1967

FOR THE PRESIDENT'S NIGHT READING

FROM Joe Califano 

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Monday, August 7, 1967
12:45 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: National Security Council Advice to the Director of
Selective Service

The Military Selective Service Act of 1967 contains the following subsection:

"(g) The National Security Council shall periodically advise the Director of the Selective Service System and coordinate with him the work of such State and local volunteer advisory committees which the Director of Selective Service may establish, with respect to the identification, selection, and deferment of needed professional and scientific personnel and those engaged in, and preparing for, critical skills and other essential occupations. In the performance of its duties under this subsection the National Security Council shall consider the needs of both the Armed Forces and the civilian segment of the population."

The assignment of this new function to the Council was the result of a Congressional compromise. The House language required the President to establish a National Manpower Resources Board. The Senate conferees opposed the creation of the new Board and argued that the function of advising the Director of the Selective Service System should be assigned to the Council. The House conferees gave in and the bill was accepted by both Houses.

The following proposal seeks to comply with the legislative mandate but to avoid the deep involvement of the NSC in the essentially domestic issue of the Selective Service deferments:

1. Continue the existing governmental machinery which is now responsible for advising the Director of Selective Service on deferments. This consists of the Interagency Advisory Committee on which interested Departments and agencies have representation. This Committee has been in existence for many years. Its recommendations now go directly to the Selective Service Director.

2. Instruct the Interagency Committee to send major recommendations from now on to the Council for action before being passed to the Director of Selective Service. The Committee would be directed to review immediately all guidance it has given previously to the Director.

I recommend you approve this plan as the best way to keep all but an occasional important Selective Service matter from coming to you through the Council while avoiding Congressional criticism that the Council has not carried out the task assigned to it by the Congress. Director Schultze concurs.

If you approve, I will sign the attached memorandum of implementation.

✓ Approved. You sign memorandum

 See me

W. Rostow Rostow

I agree.
J. C. Williams

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