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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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As a matter of first priority, the Interagency Advisory Committee is to give immediate attention to a review of the currency and appropriateness of the lists of Currently Essential Activities and of Currently Critical Occupations, and to consideration of proposals to provide deferments for individual registrants while in training programs.


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