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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 366

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

SUBJECT: NSAM No. 363, dated August 8, 1967, Interagency Advisory Committee on Essential Activities and Critical Occupations

Publicity concerning the new responsibility of the National Security Council under the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 for periodically advising the Director of the Selective Service has resulted in considerable public interest in the policy with respect to deferments and numerous inquiries as to the status of any recommendations that may have been transmitted by the National Security Council to the Director of the Selective Service.

It is essential that the highest priority be given by the Interagency Advisory Committee to the early completion of the review of the currency and appropriateness of the lists of Currently Essential Activities and Currently Critical Occupations and to the development of guidance covering registrants in training programs.

The Cabinet Officers to whom this memorandum is addressed, and the Selective Service Director, are asked to ensure that their positions are presented by their representatives on the Interagency Committee and recorded in the record of action of the Committee. In this manner the views of the individual agencies will be conveyed to the National Security Council when the formal recommendations of the Interagency Committee are transmitted to the Council by the Secretaries of Commerce and Labor in their capacity as co-chairmen of the Interagency Advisory Committee.

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