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I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this directive to define the authority and duties of the Military Liaison Committee (hereinafter called the "Committee") and to define the relationships of the Committee with the Military Departments and other agencies of the Department of Defense.

II. AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE

This directive is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, and the National Security Act of 1947, as amended.

III. DIRECTIVE SUPERSEDED

This directive supersedes "Directive, Military Liaison Committee", dated 17 January 1951.

IV. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and

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two military members from each of the three Departments, to be designated in each case by the Secretaries of their respective Departments. In the absence of the duly appointed Chairman, the senior committee member will preside as Chairman.

V. AUTHORITY

- A. Authority of the Committee - Within its jurisdiction as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, and as further defined in this directive, or as may be further directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Committee shall be the principal agency of the Secretary of Defense responsible for performing the duties set forth in Section VI below. As such, the Committee is authorized, on matters within its jurisdiction, to issue directives to implement the policies and decisions of the Committee, and to supervise their execution. It shall not engage in administrative duties or in operations for which an agency exists.
- B. Authority of the Chairman - The Chairman of the Committee shall, subject to the provisions of Paragraph C of this section, have the power of decision in any matter falling within the jurisdiction of the Committee on which the other members of the Committee are not unanimous.

The Chairman shall have authority to take executive action in consonance with approved plans, programs, and policies of the Committee, and on those matters which do not require, or because of the exigencies of time, do not permit formal Committee consideration. The Chairman of the Committee may, without being relieved of his responsibility therefor, perform any of his duties with or through the aid of such members or officials of the Military Liaison Committee as the Chairman may designate.

The Chairman, subject to the policies prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, is authorized to establish such continuing or temporary committees, councils, and agencies as may be necessary to conduct studies, assemble information, make recommendations, and otherwise to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee.

- C. Dissents from Decisions of the Committee - With respect to any decision of the Committee, a dissenting Committee member may initiate, for submission by the Secretary of the department represented by the member in question,

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an appeal therefrom to the Secretary of Defense. Prior notification of any such action shall be given to the Chairman and other members of the Committee. In the event the Chairman is not in agreement with a unanimous decision of the other members of the Committee, after prior notification to such other members of the Committee, he may present his recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

VI. DUTIES

- A. Duties of the Committee - Subject to the authority and direction of the Secretary of Defense, the Committee, in addition to its statutory functions set forth in the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, shall perform the duties listed below as the over-all coordinating agency of the Department of Defense for action regarding military applications of atomic energy required for the support of strategic and logistic plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other Department of Defense programs. The Committee will also perform such other duties as may be directed by the Secretary of Defense.

After appropriate consultation with organizations of the Department of Defense and acting as representative of the Department of Defense:

1. Advise and consult with the Atomic Energy Commission on all atomic energy matters which the Committee deems to relate to military applications and make specific recommendations thereto as it may deem appropriate.
2. Serve as the coordination medium for the Secretary of Defense between the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission on both statutory and other military matters pertaining to the military applications of atomic energy.
3. Keep the Atomic Energy Commission fully informed of all atomic energy activities of the Department of Defense.

Report to the Secretary of Defense, for such action as he deems appropriate, any proposed action or failure to act by the Atomic Energy Commission which the Committee deems to be adverse to the interests or responsibilities of the Department of Defense.

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Prepare the initial statement of a recommended position to be adopted by the Secretary of Defense on future specific proposals which the Atomic Energy Commission may submit to the National Security Council under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, Section 10(a)(3), which permits, under certain circumstances, the communication of certain restricted data to other nations. The views of the Research and Development Board will be included in those instances where the Committee deems this appropriate and where the communication of restricted data involves research and development. The recommended position will be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Furnish and arrange for the continuous supply to the organizations of the Department of Defense, particularly the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Research and Development Board, timely information as to new developments in atomic energy matters which are pertinent to the conduct of their functions.

Continuously evaluate all aspects of the national atomic energy program and, as appropriate, make recommendations and submit a report (including the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) thereon to the Secretary of Defense concerning all activities of the Government concerning the military applications of atomic energy not less frequently than once each year.

The Committee, if required and appropriate, is available, with the Chairman participating at his discretion, to act as a staff advisory agency to the Joint Chiefs of Staff to assist them in arriving at decisions in atomic energy matters of major import. However, such advisory duties of the Committee should not be permitted to unduly impinge on its statutory liaison duties with the Atomic Energy Commission.

- B. Duties of the Chairman - The Chairman of the Committee shall be the principal advisor and assistant to the Secretary of Defense on the political, economic, and scientific aspects of atomic energy matters with which the Secretary of Defense may be concerned.

The Chairman of the Committee shall, with the advice and assistance of the Staff, prepare policies, plans, and programs for presentation to the Committee.

The Chairman shall represent or arrange for representation of the Department of Defense before and with

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other Governmental Departments and agencies on all matters for which the Committee has responsibility under the provisions of this directive.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary of Defense will provide the Chairman with such personnel, facilities, and other administrative services as he from time to time determines are required by the Chairman for the performance of the Committee's functions. Military personnel in approximately equal numbers shall be provided by each of the three Military Departments, in accordance with the needs of the Chairman as approved by the Secretary of Defense. Such military personnel will compose the Secretariat and Staff of the Committee and will be headed by a specifically designated Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary and the members of the Secretariat and Staff shall be acceptable to, and, during their tours of duty with the Committee, responsible to, the Chairman of the Committee rather than to their own department with respect to performance of duty and efficiency ratings.

The Chairman, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense, shall provide for the internal organization and staffing of the Committee and shall establish its rules of procedure. The Staff of the Committee shall be responsible to and shall function under the direction, supervision, and control of the Chairman through the Executive Secretary.

Committees, councils, and agencies operating under the jurisdiction of the Military Liaison Committee will function under the authority, direction, and control of the Chairman of the Committee.

The Members of the Committee shall be available to the Chairman to serve as sponsors in areas which the Chairman may designate. Such so-called "sponsor activities" are delegations of the authority of the Chairman to the Committee members as individuals and do not involve in any degree the military department which the member serves.

The Committee members, at their discretion, may submit agenda items for consideration by the Committee, but the Chairman shall decide the priority of matters to be discussed at the regular meetings of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet at the call of its Chairman or at such times as it may fix, and the presence of four military

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members, including at least one representative of each department, shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. RELATIONSHIPS

The Chairman, the Committee, and the staff of the Committee are authorized and expected to communicate directly and expeditiously with other agencies of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments and appropriate subdivisions thereof, concerning any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction and in which there exists a mutual interest or responsibility.

The Committee shall coordinate its efforts with all agencies within and outside the Department of Defense which have a mutual interest or responsibility with respect to any of its programs and will determine what formal concurrences, if any, are required.

In the execution of the provisions of this Directive by the Military Liaison Committee, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Research and Development Board, the Munitions Board, and other duly constituted agencies and activities of the Department of Defense shall not be de-limited from the initiation of any appropriate action necessary to carry out their assigned functions.



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