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AGENDA
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 9 August 1954, 2:00 P.M.
Room 3E-1074

ITEM 1 - Proposed Changes to Coordinating Committee DirectivesDistributed as Tab A to Secretary's memorandum of 8 July.ITEM 2 - ComputersDistributed as Tab B to Secretary's memorandum of 8 July.ITEM 3 - Research and Development ResponsibilitiesDistributed as Tab C to Secretary's memorandum of 8 July.ITEM 4 - TitaniumDistributed as Tab D to Secretary's memorandum of 26 July.ITEM 5 - FY 1955 Expenditure PoliciesDistributed as Tab E to Secretary's memorandum of 26 July.

An Air Force memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) on this subject, dated 23 July, is attached as Tab E-1.

ITEM 6 - Joint Use of NRDLDistributed as Tab G to Secretary's memorandum of 26 July.ITEM 7 - Research and Development vs. Roles and MissionsDistributed as Tab H to Secretary's memorandum of 26 July.Date 29 MAR 1983

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ITEM 8 - Armed Services Technical Information Agency

For Action.

The Ad Hoc Group on ASTIA (Chaired by Major General McCormack) met on 19 July to review its previous findings in the light of Policy Council discussion of these findings. (Item 4, R&D Policy Council Meeting of 19 March 1954)

The Group reaffirmed the substance and recommendations of that report in a report to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Development) dated 19 July 1954 (Tab I, attached).

Policy Council approval is requested on the following recommendations:

- a. The ASTIA organization should be brought together physically without delay in the Washington area.
- b. The necessary mechanism should be established without delay to ensure positive and continuous policy direction under the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D).
- c. The entire operation should, at an appropriate time, be brought together under a common organizational framework.
- d. The Department of the Air Force should continue as the Managing Agent.
- e. The OSD should establish for the managing agent
 - (1) an overceiling funding program for ASTIA and
 - (2) an overceiling personnel authorization for ASTIA.
- f. The present directive should be revised to incorporate the recommendations made in the original report.

With respect to the last recommendation above, Policy Council members are requested to name to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D) representatives from their Security and Research and Development organizations for the purpose of forming an ad hoc group to prepare a revised directive and security regulations governing ASTIA.

Following approval of the above, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D) will undertake coordination with appropriate OSD organizations in the implementation of the recommendations.

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ITEM 9 - Riehlman Subcommittee Report on "Organization and Administration of the Military Research and Development Programs"

For discussion.

The Riehlman Subcommittee report was released to the press on 27 July and did not incorporate OSD or departmental comments.

A summary of the recommendations of the report is attached as Tab J as the basis for discussion of this item.

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The formal OSD and Army, Navy, and Air Force comments on the draft report are being compiled and will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed Items for Next Research and Development Policy Council Meeting

1. Responsibility for Production of Bombing Tables

Distributed as Tab F to Secretary's memorandum of 26 July.

2. Briefing on Cooper Committee Report

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