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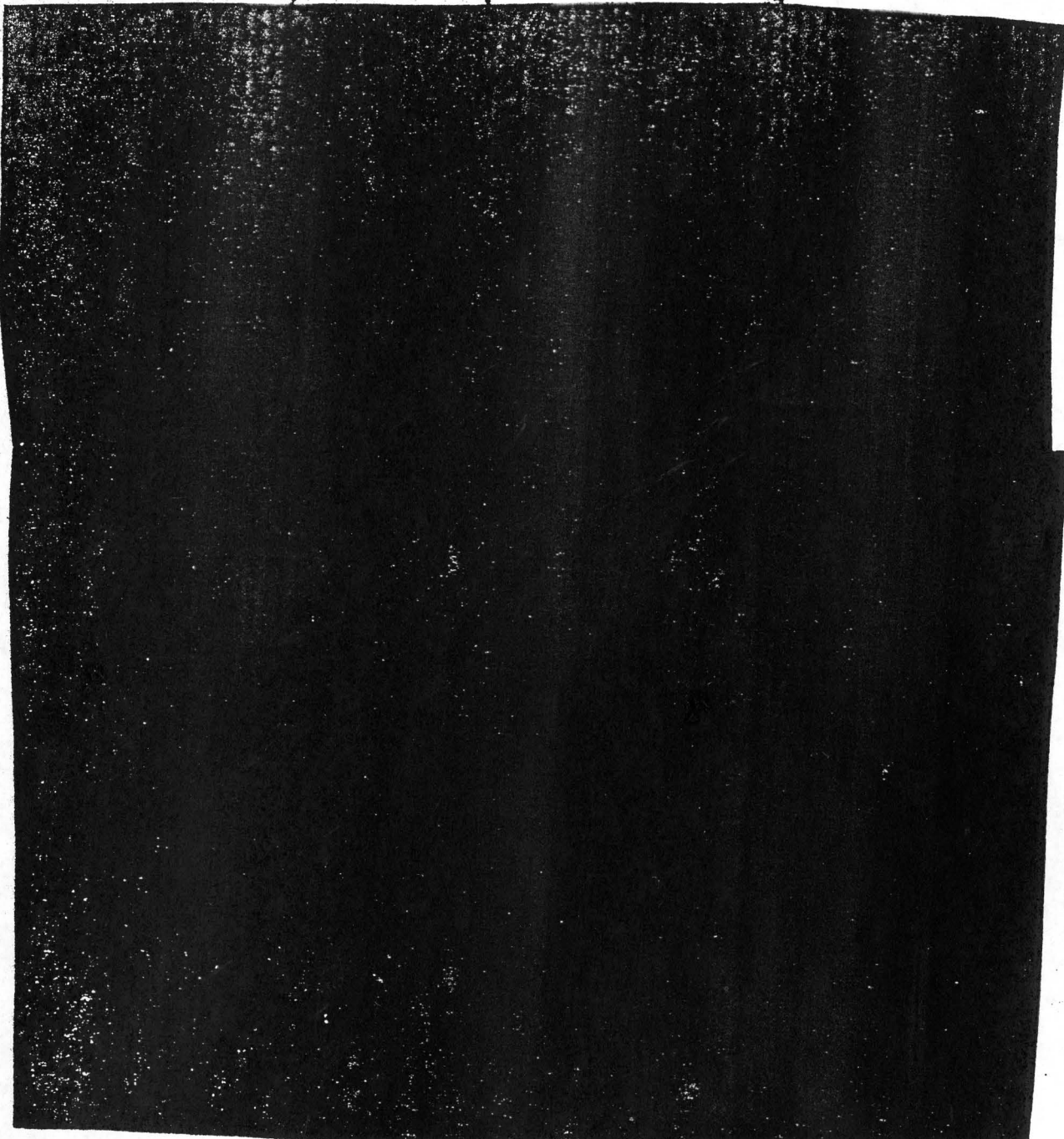
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THE NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND SITUATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM (NSI&SMS) (C)



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### Implementation

Leadership and oversight of the NSI&SMS shall be provided by the NSC through the Crisis Management Working Group (CMWG), chaired by the NSC's Deputy Executive Secretary for Situation Support. The CMWG shall further develop the NSI&SMS and strengthen interagency capabilities and procedures for the collection, coordination, transmission, and dissemination of information in support of the President and the NSC interagency process. (S)

The CMWG will report to the Policy Review Group (PRG). The PRG, as outlined in NSDD 276, is the senior sub-Cabinet level interagency group which is chaired by the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The PRG's primary responsibility is to review and make recommendations concerning national security policy developed through the day-to-day functioning of the interagency process. PRG recommendations are submitted for consideration of the National Security Planning Group or the National Security Council, as appropriate. As the subject matter may dictate, appropriate representatives from the Executive Office of the President and other departments and agencies shall be included in meetings of the PRG. (S)

The CMWG shall meet regularly. The CMWG chair shall establish a Steering Group to assist in developing and monitoring the CMWG agenda. The Steering Group shall be primarily comprised of senior representatives of Executive departments and agencies who regularly report to members of the PRG. Appropriate CMWG Steering Group members, in support of their PRG principals, shall meet at the outset of, or during, a situation when necessary to ensure effective information management and coordination among operations and intelligence centers. (S)

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The CMWG shall be the principal interagency working group for coordination and consideration of national security policy recommendations concerning the integration and interoperability of [redacted] programs. (TS)

The CMWG shall:

- Oversee formulation of policy recommendations relating to the NSI&SMS to ensure a system responsive to national needs; (S)
- Ensure that the national security-related emergency responsibilities assigned to individual departments and agencies under existing law, Presidential directive, executive order, and federal response plans are mutually compatible, and that appropriate procedures for interagency coordination are available and widely understood; (S)
- Ensure technical and operational capabilities are maintained and developed consistent with NSI&SMS objectives; (C)
- Ensure effective use of resources expended in establishing, operating, and modernizing the NSI&SMS; promoting interagency equipment compatibility; and recommending to the PRG priorities for those improvements that will enhance interagency information flow; (C)
- Ensure integration of the NSI&SMS with [redacted] NCCS, NSEP, and other interagency coordination systems related to national security, without compromising the integrity of compartmented information; (TS)
- Ensure that the NSI&SMS supports the Director of Central Intelligence in monitoring and transmitting information on the world situation in the context of operational requirements for early warning; (TS)
- Identify for key departments and agencies the essential elements of information required by the President during periods of extreme crisis, and ensure the capability to coordinate the flow of this information at the appropriate time among the White House, Washington-area operations and intelligence centers, and [redacted] elements; (TS)
- Ensure that interoperable equipment and compatible procedures are established among relevant departments and agencies to support the [redacted] effort; and (TS)

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- Provide for regular exercising and testing of the NSI&SMS. (S)

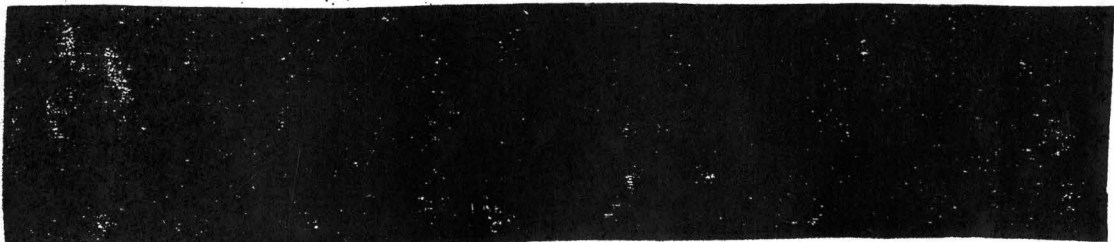
CMWG membership shall include representatives from Executive departments and agencies with responsibility relating to the national response to international incidents or domestic emergencies potentially affecting the national security of the United States. The CMWG may establish other subgroups as required. To the extent possible, the CMWG shall use already existing interagency committees to facilitate coordination and resolution of issues. (S)

Situation management at the national level requires close coordination and cooperation among Executive departments and agencies. As the supporting system, the NSI&SMS can only remain responsive to national situation management needs if the community actively participates and interacts in the evolution of this critical situation management system. Accordingly, each participating Executive department and agency shall:

- Designate a member to serve on the CMWG;
- Participate in exercises to improve and maintain the proficiency of situation management personnel and evaluate the responsiveness of the NSI&SMS; and
- Budget for, procure, manage, operate, and maintain equipment in its facilities in a manner consistent with NSI&SMS objectives and procedures. (S)

The Department of Defense, because of its close and continuing involvement with projects that comprise the infrastructure of the NSI&SMS, shall continue to act as the Executive Agent for:

- Architecture and systems engineering support, technical analyses, and preparation of cost estimates in response to CMWG-validated NSI&SMS requirements;
- Development of an NSI&SMS Master Plan to maintain an affordable and modern NSI&SMS focused on fully exploiting the capabilities of current equipment, and ensuring compatibility and interoperability among all NSI&SMS nodes and [REDACTED] systems;



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Security procedures and practices associated with the NSI&SMS and its elements, to ensure consistency with overall security requirements as may be determined by the CMWG; and

Provision of resources and technical support to NSI&SMS elements in the White House complex.

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