Figure 6.1





### Figure 6.2 SOURCES OF POTENTIAL POWER

Social Status

 Expertise
 Information

 Formal organization or legal authority

 Capacity for Coercion
 Contracted power
 Wealth

# **CHOOSING TO USE POWER**

The decision to use less than one's full potential power is a function of:

- 1. Desire not to use a non-renewable or expensive asset, e.g., favors, bombs, "chits".
- 2. Desire not to expose how <u>much power one has</u>.
- 3. Desire not to expose how little power one has.
- 4. Desire not to activate potential opponents.
- 5. Desire to get allies to use their resources.

#### FIGURE 7-5c EFFICIENCY

Efficiency is a function of:

- 1. Experience in using one's power.
- 2. Familiarity with the target.

## Figure 6.3

#### POTENTIAL VS. ACTUAL POWER

Power:	The ability of one actor to get another actor to do what that actor would not otherwise do.		
Potential Power:	The full power which one actor has over another.		
Power Used:	That part of an actor's potential power used.		
Efficiency:	The efficiency with which potential power is used.		
Actual Power:	Power used x efficiency		
EXAMPLE:		•	
	Country A		Country B
Potential Power	10,000 bombs	>>	1,000 bombs
Power Used	2,000 bombs		800 bombs
Efficiency	30		.80
Actual power	600 bombs	<	640 bombs

Summation: Even though Actor A may have more potential power the Actor B, Actor A's advantage can be reduced by a choice to use less than the full potential power and by inefficiencies in A's use of power to where the potentially weaker actor can prevail.



#### Example:

Suppose actor A wishes actor B to take some action, but is constrained by the fact that A has little or no power over B. A could try to exert power through C, who is powerful over B, but A has no power over C. Actor A could try to exert power over D, where A has considerable power, but D is weak relative to B. A finally chooses E, because it has power over F, F has power over E, and E has power over B. (For example assume A is a U.S. business firm, B is a foreign legislative Committee, and C, D and E are members of the foreign legislature the firm plans to build a plant in the district of legislator D, with a joint venture in the district of legislator E.)