

NSPD -1 “The National Security Presidential Directive” & Organization of the NSC & the IA Process, Bush II to Early Obama

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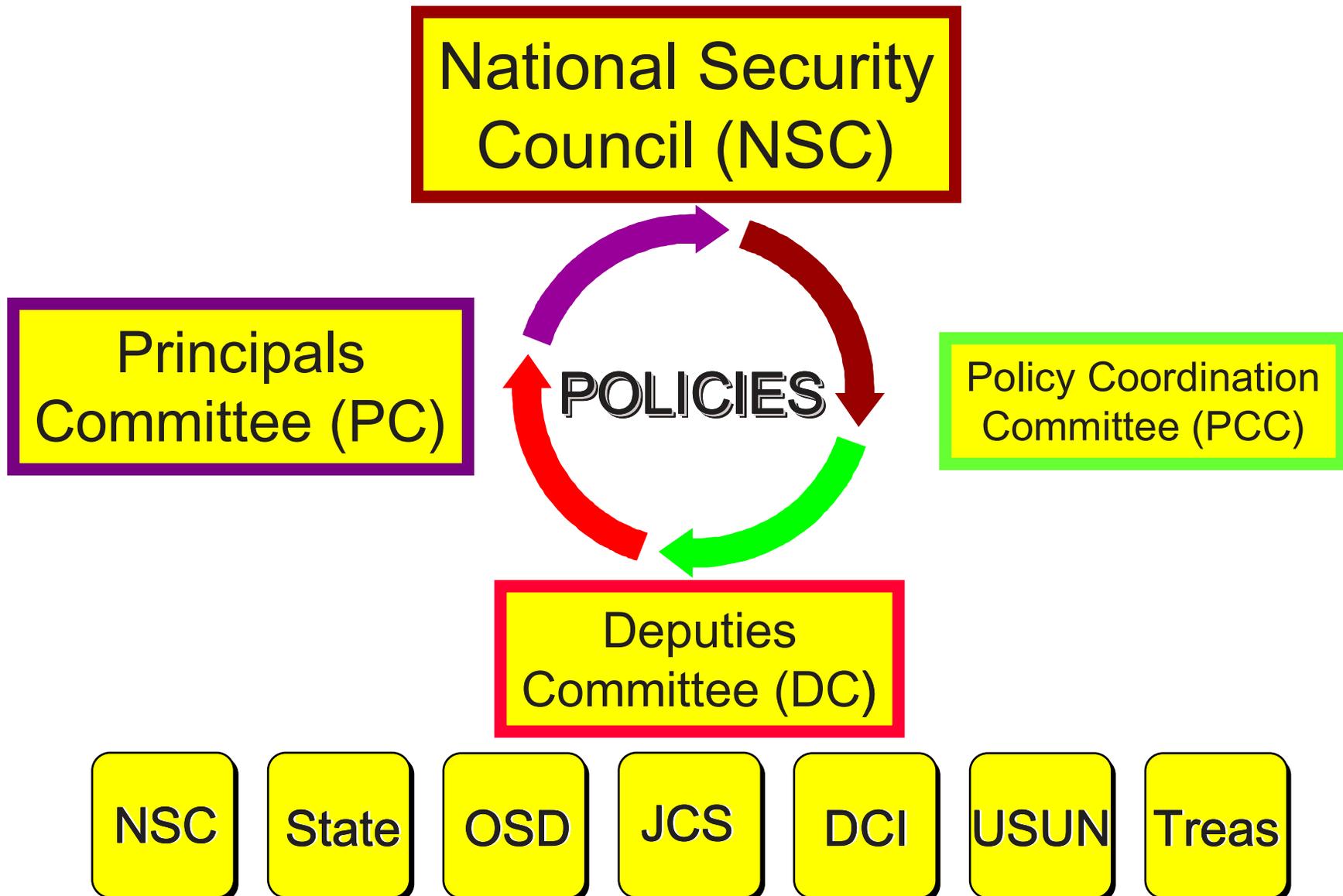
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NSPDs - National Security Presidential Directives

- Instruments for communicating presidential decisions about US Nat'l Security policies
 - “National Security:” Defined as the defense of US & USG, global advancement of US interests, economic prosperity
- Replace prior Presidential Decisions Directives (PDDs) & Presidential Review Directives (PRDs)

Recall the Interagency Process



More Detail on The “Principals” Committee (PC)

- Senior interagency forum for consideration of Nat'l Security policy
- Meets at the call of NSA, in consultation with regular attendees of NSC/PC
 - Chair: NSA
 - Executive secretary: DepNSA
 - Regular attendees: SecState, SecTreas, SecDef, COS to Pres, NSA
 - Pertaining to their responsibilities: DCI, CJCS, Atty General & Director, OMB

The “Principals” Committee (PC)

- For international economic issues,
add: SecCommerce, US Trade Rep,
Asst to Pres on Economic Policy,
SecUSDA
 - Asst to Pres on Econ Policy will serve as
chair for agenda items that are principally
international economics
- Others: Chief of Staff for the VP, NSA-
VP, Asst to Pres, DepNSA

Detail: The “Deputies” Committee (DC)

- Senior sub-Cabinet interagency forum for national security policy
 - Prescribe/review work of interagency groups
 - Ensure that NSC/PC issues have been properly analyzed & prepared for discussion
 - Meets at call of chair in consultation with other DC regular attendees
 - Regular members can request committee meeting for crisis management

The “Deputies” Committee (DC)

Chair: Dep NSAdvisor

Regular Members:

- Deputy SecState or USecState for Political Affairs
- Deputy SecTreasury or USecTreas for International Affairs
- Deputy Attorney General
- Deputy Director OMB
- Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
- Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Deputy Chief of Staff to the President/Policy
- Chief of Staff for the Vice President
- National Security Advisor for the Vice President
- Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs

For international economic issues, add:

Deputy SecCommerce, Deputy US Trade Representative, Deputy SecAgriculture

Policy Coordination Committees (PCCs)

- Day-to-day forum for interagency coordination of national security policy
- Provide policy analysis for other senior committees
- Ensure timely responses to decisions made by President
- Include reps from Exec. Branch depts, offices & agencies represented in NSC/DC

Regional PCCs

- Europe/Eurasia
 - Western Hemisphere
 - East Asia
 - South Asia
 - Near East & North Africa
 - Africa
- Each of these PCCs shall be chaired by an official of Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary rank to be designated by the SecState

Functional PCCs

- Democracy, Human Rights & Intl Ops (NSC)
- Intl Development & Humanitarian Assistance (DOS)
- Global Environment
- Intl Finance (NSC/NEC)
- Transnatl Econ Issues (NEC)
- Counter-Terrorism & Natl Preparedness (NSC)
- Defense Strategy, Force Structure & Planning (DOD)
- Arms Control (NSC)
- Proliferation, Counterproliferation & Homeland Defense (NSC)
- Intel & Counterintel (NSC)
- Records Access & Info Security (NSC)
- International Organized Crime (NSC)
- Contingency Planning (NSC)
- Space (NSC)
- HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases (State/HHS)

PCCs cont'd

- Additional PCCs may be established as appropriate
- The chairman of each PCC, with the agreement of the Exec secretary, may establish subordinate working groups
- Bush II abolished the previous system of Interagency Working Groups (IWGs/IWAGs):
 - Oversight of ongoing operations assigned by Bush II (by PDD/NSC-56) was performed by the appropriate regional NSC/PCCs

What about the pre-existing IWGs?

There were approximately 102 IWGs under the Clinton administration

- 46 were abolished with their functions transferred to a PCC
- 54 continued in Bush II to operate as a PCC subgroup
- 2 continue to function independently reporting to the Deputies Committee

What about the pre-existing IWGs?

IWGs Abolished by Bush II

- Chemical Weapons Convention IWG
- Plutonium Disposition IWG
- Standing Committee on Nonproliferation
- Humanitarian De-Mining IWG
- Human Rights Treaties IWG
- Climate Change IWG
- Whaling IWGs
- Gulf War Illness IWG
- Haiti ExCom
- Columbia ExCom
- Counter-terrorism Security Group
- WMD Preparedness IWG
- Security Policy Board
- Overseas Security Policy Board
- Intelligence Priorities IWG
- South Asia Small Group
- Indonesia IWG
- Gulf Arms Sales IWG
- ExCom on Kosovo

* List not all inclusive; some still classified

What about the pre-existing IWGs? Continue as a PCC Subgroup...

- Counterintelligence Policy Board
- Computer Network Operations IWG
- Missile Technology Export Control Group
- Technology Transfer IWG
- Nuclear Testing Verification and Monitoring TF
- Iraq IWG
- Balkans IWG SVTC
- Bosnia IWG SVTC
- Great Lakes IWG
- Congo IWG
- African Crisis Response Initiative IWG
- Economic and Trade Affairs IWG
- Demobilization IWG
- West Africa Subgroup
- East Africa/Horn Subgroup
- Southern Africa Subgroup
- Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel

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What about the pre-existing IWGs? Independent IWGS Est'd

- Two IWGs functioned independently in Bush II, reporting to the Deputies Committee (DC)
 - Lawyers Working Group Established by NSD 79
 - Covert Action Working Group Established by NSD 79

Revised IA Process – WH DM Consolidation Under Bush II

- Unless established by statute, existing NSC ad hoc bodies & exec committees were abolished as of 01 March 2001
 - Working groups may be reestablished if deemed sufficiently important and vital
 - For reestablishment: scope of activities, relevant statutory mandate if any & the NSC/PCC that should coordinate this work needs to be identified
- Positions relating to foreign policy that are designated as special presidential emissaries, special envoys for the President, etc. are also abolished unless otherwise reestablished as DoS positions

Summary – Changes by Bush II Carrying Over to Early Obama

- The structure placed more emphasis & empowered the PCCs.
- Role of the NSC became more coordination than leader.
- The Bush II IA Process was still difficult to manage, especially post-9/11.