

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
Washington, D.C. 20305-2010

NCS DIRECTIVE 1-2

ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND ADMINISTRATION

National Communications System (NCS) Membership

1. Purpose. This directive identifies the membership of the National Communications System (NCS) as designated by the President and assigns associated responsibilities.
2. Applicability. This directive is binding upon the Executive Agent, NCS; Manager, NCS; NCS Committee of Principals and member organizations; and other affected Executive entities.
3. Authority. This directive is issued under the authority of Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984; 49 Federal Register 13471 (1984), and NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.
4. References.
 - a. Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984, 49 Federal Register 13471 (1984). (The text of this Executive Order is included as Appendix A to NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.)
 - b. NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.
 - c. White House Memoranda, subject "The National Communications System," dated July 13, 1984 (Appendices A and B).
 - d. White House Memoranda, subject "Application of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for Membership in the National Communications System (NCS)," dated May 7, 1987 (Appendix C).
 - e. NCS Manual 1-2-1, "Bylaws of the National Communications System (NCS) Committee of Principals," November 30, 1987.

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5. Cancellation. NCS Memorandum 2-63, "Approval of Initial NCS Tasks 1 and 2," December 13, 1963; and NCS Memorandum 2-64, "Additional Networks Approval for Inclusion in the National Communications System," December 11, 1964, are hereby cancelled.

6. Definitions.

a. Full Member. A representative on the NCS Committee of Principals of an organization entitled to unqualified participation, subject to Committee bylaws (reference 4e) and prevailing legal authority. Organizations represented by full members will be bound by rules and other legal authority governing the NCS.

b. Liaison member. A representative on the NCS Committee of Principals of an organization invited by the President to participate, without the right to vote on matters before the Committee.

7. Policy. Active participation in NCS activities by organizations represented on the Committee of Principals is critical to effective national security emergency preparedness telecommunications. Accordingly, each organization represented by a full member should detail at least one full-time employee to serve either on the staff of the Manager, NCS, or as a resident representative to the NCS' National Coordinating Center. Exceptions to this policy may be authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

8. Designated Full Members. The President has designated the following Federal entities to participate in the NCS and be represented by full members on the Committee of Principals: Department of State; Department of the Treasury; Department of Defense; Department of Justice; Department of the Interior; Department of Agriculture; Department of Commerce; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Transportation; Department of Energy; Central Intelligence Agency; Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Services Administration; United States Information Agency; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Veterans Administration; Federal Emergency Management Agency; National Security Agency; and National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

9. Invited Participants. The President has invited the Federal Communications Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Postal Service, and Federal Reserve System to participate in the NCS and be represented on the Committee of Principals by either liaison or full members. Invited participants choosing to be represented by full members will be bound by NCS issuances promulgated pursuant to reference 4b.

10. Responsibilities.

a. Each organization represented by a full member on the NCS Committee of Principals:

(1) Will accredit the full member as the organization's authorized representative in matters before the Committee, including matters involving policy, budget, and resources.

(2) Will participate in all activities of the Committee.

(3) Should execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Executive Agent or Manager, NCS, to provide personnel and staff support to the Office of the Manager, NCS, in accordance with Section 3(i)(3) of Executive Order No. 12472 and policy established in this directive.

b. Each organization represented by a liaison member on the Committee of Principals:

(1) May participate as desired in Committee activities.

(2) Should execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Executive Agent or Manager, NCS, describing the nature and extent of participation in the NCS.

c. The Executive Agent or Manager, NCS, will prepare and execute Memoranda of Agreement as described in paragraphs 10a and b above.

11. Authorizing Provision. NCS manuals implementing this directive are authorized.

12. Effective Date. This directive is effective immediately.

13. Expiration. This directive is in effect until superseded or cancelled.

3 Appendices

- A. White House Memo to Executive Agencies (Reference 4c)
- B. White House Memo to Independent Agencies (Reference 4c)
- C. White House Memo to HHS (Reference 4d)

William R Graham
 Director
 Office of Science and Technology Policy

Date: November 30, 1987

J. C. M. B.
 Director
 Office of Management and Budget

Date: NOV 17 1987

Paul C. Chubb
 Assistant to the President
 for National Security Affairs
 Date: September 18, 1987

Summary of Changes: Executive Order No. 12472 (reference 4a) established the NCS, which includes a Committee of Principals consisting of representatives from certain Federal entities to be designated or invited to participate by the President. (See Section 1 of Executive Order No. 12472.) Effectuating this section in two memoranda, subject "The National Communications System," dated July 13, 1984 (Appendices A and B to this directive), the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs designated 18 executive agencies to be represented by full members on the Committee, and invited four independent agencies (i.e., Federal Communications Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Postal Service, and Federal Reserve System) to participate in the NCS and be represented on the Committee of Principals at their discretion by either liaison or full members. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission elected to be represented by a full member, while the remaining three chose liaison status. In response to the May 7, 1987, memoranda (Appendix C) of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, this directive also includes the Department of Health and Human Services as an entity designated as a full member of the NCS.

APPENDIX A: WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE AGENCIESSYSTEM II
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WASHINGTON

July 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
THE DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
THE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
THE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: The National Communications System

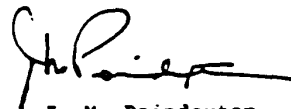
On April 3, 1984 the President signed Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions." That Order established that the National Communications System (NCS) would assist the President, the National Security Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Office of Management and Budget in the discharge of their national security and emergency preparedness (NSEP) telecommunications functions.

The NCS Committee of Principals will serve as the Emergency Communications Working Group for the purposes of the Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board (EMPB) and National Security Decision Directive Number 47, "Emergency Mobilization Preparedness," July 22, 1982 (NSDD-47).

Pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Executive Order, each of the above-listed addressees is designated to participate in the NCS and to provide a representative to serve on the NCS Committee of Principals.

The active participation of each entity in NCS activities remains essential as the Administration continues to address national security and emergency preparedness requirements. Accordingly, each addressee is requested to take expeditious action to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Executive Agent or the Manager, NCS, to implement Section 3(i)(3) of Executive Order No. 12472.

Such agreements should ensure that each NCS entity which is not currently providing personnel support to the Office of the Manager, NCS, details at least one full-time individual to serve on the staff of the Manager, NCS, or as a resident representative to the National Coordinating Center. Exceptions to this guideline may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



J. M. Poindexter
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Copy to:
Manager, NCS

APPENDIX B: WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM TO INDEPENDENT AGENCIESSYSTEM II
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
THE CHAIRMAN, NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
THE CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

SUBJECT: The National Communications System

On April 3, 1984 the President signed Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions." That Order established that the National Communications System (NCS) would assist the President, the National Security Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Office of Management and Budget in the discharge of their national security and emergency preparedness (NSEP) telecommunications functions. The NCS will also serve as the Emergency Communications Working Group for purposes of the Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board, pursuant to National Security Decision Directive Number 47, "Emergency Mobilization Preparedness."

Pursuant to Section 1(a) of that Order, the President has designated eighteen Federal entities as participants in the NCS. Recognizing that the responsibilities of your agency relate to and rely upon NSEP telecommunications capabilities, you are invited to participate in the NCS on either a "full membership" or liaison basis. "Full membership" will entitle you to full participation on the NCS Committee of Principals (e.g., a vote on all matters before the Committee), but will normally require the provision of full-time personnel support to the Office of the Manager, NCS, or the National Coordinating Center.

Your decision regarding participation in the NCS should be conveyed to the Manager of the NCS as soon as possible. I encourage your maximum permissible participation in the NCS. For your information, I have also enclosed a copy of my memorandum designating the eighteen Federal entities as participants in the NCS.



J. M. Poindexter
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Attachment a/s

Copy to:
Executive Agent, NCS
Manager, NCS

APPENDIX C: WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDA TO EXECUTIVE AGENT
AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 7, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE OTIS R. BOWEN
The Secretary of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Application of the Department of Health and
Human Services (HHS) for Membership in the
National Communications System (NCS)

The request by your Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget to the Manager, NCS for membership in the NCS is fully supported and welcomed. Executive Order (EO) 12472, "Assignment of National Security Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," established the NCS to assist the President, the National Security Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Office of Management and Budget in the discharge of their National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) telecommunications functions.

The HHS participation in NCS activities will be important as the Administration continues to address national security and emergency preparedness requirements. Accordingly, it is requested that a Memorandum of Agreement be executed with the Executive Agent or the Manager, NCS, to implement Section 3(2) (3) of EO 12472. Pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Executive Order, request HHS designate a senior-level representative to serve on the interagency group - NCS Committee of Principals.

In addition to EO 12472, National Security Decision Directive (NSDD)-97 outlines our national security telecommunications policy and NSDD-201 provides NSEP Telecommunications Funding Policy guidance for approved national level NSEP telecommunication programs. The NCS is a critical element of our overall national security emergency preparedness and deterrence posture and your Department's participation in this important interagency activity will further enhance our national security.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Frank C. Carlucci

cc: Executive Agent, NCS
Director, OSTP
Manager, NCS

November 30, 1987

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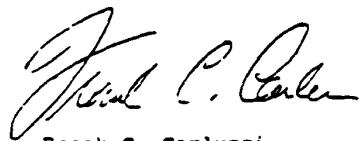
May 7, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE AGENT, NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

SUBJECT: Application of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for Membership in the National Communications System (NCS)

Your recommendation to accept the HHS request for membership in the NCS is fully supported. The HHS has been separately requested to become a full member in the NCS pursuant to the provisions of EO 12472. The HHS membership should be reflected in the forthcoming NCS Directive 2-1, "NCS Membership."

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



Frank C. Carlucci

cc: Secretary, HHS
Director, OSTP
Manager, NCS