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PROJECT A
ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER

1. PURPOSE: To increase the understanding of U. S. National Power; Economic, Psycho-social, Political and Military.

2. SCOPE: Project A deals with the various components of the four major elements, considers the more prominent aspects of each, identifying them and examining each in its individual characteristics and considering the effect it has on our nation’s power. While the project is designed to examine the elements separately the detail which will evolve will reflect the close dependence of one upon the other and the intricate relationships which result.

3. METHODOLOGY: The project consists of four lectures and is supported by the required reading assignments indicated in paragraph 4.

4. READING ASSIGNMENTS:
   a. Presidential State of the Union Message *
   c. "Truth as a weapon of the Free World", Richard L. Brecker, Member, General Manager's Executive Staff for State Department’s International Information and Educational Exchange Program.

*Distribution Withheld

APPENDIX #1 - Period Synopses
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(1) Organization Charts, pp 588, 589, 596-599

(2) Executive Branch, pp 57-72, 124-186


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PERIOD SYNOPSIS

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1701 11-1001
PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Economic Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase the understanding of how the U. S. uses the economic instrument of power to achieve National Objectives.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period will show the relationship of the U. S. GNP to the military budget, the effect of U. S. economic policies on military strategy and other nations of the world and the influence of the U. S. economic instrument on achievement of national objectives.

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1702 21-1001G
PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Political Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase the understanding of how the political instrument functions and its influence on the achievement of national objectives.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period will show how the Political instrument functions and its effect on our military strategy, the political actions of other nations and its influence on achievement of national objectives.

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1703 11-1001
PERIOD TITLE: The Military Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To better understand the strengths and weaknesses of the U. S. Military Instrument of National Power.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period explains the military factors which determine the relative effectiveness of the various military services in carrying out National strategy and the application of these factors to military strategy in specific national and international situations.

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PERIOD CODE: CSS-1704
21-10016

PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Psycho-Social Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase understanding of the Psycho-Social instrument of power as it is used in furtherance of the National Objectives of the United States.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period shows the development of the Psycho-social instrument in the United States, the present national organization for its employment and its relationship to the other elements of National Power, and an analysis of psycho-social operations in foreign affairs.