

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

April 24, 1974

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National Security Decision Memorandum 253

NSS review
completed.

TO:

The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Deputy Secretary of State
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:


Membership of the National Security Council
Intelligence Committee

The President has decided that the membership of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee shall include an Under Secretary of the Treasury. The NSCIC, as established by the President's memorandum dated November 5, 1971, subject: Organization and Management of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community, therefore, shall comprise the following:

The Attorney General
The Deputy Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Under Secretary of the Treasury
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs (Chairman)

As stated in the President's November 5, 1971 memorandum, the NSCIC "will give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer."

ON FILE TREASURY RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY


Henry A. Kissinger

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Treasury Representation on the NSCIC

Bill Colby raised with you the possibility of Treasury membership in the NSCIC and its working group. You agreed that this would be a useful step to enhance our ability to develop needed economic intelligence.

Accordingly, Colby wrote Secretary Shultz and the latter nominated Paul A. Volcker (Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs) as Treasury's member of the NSCIC and Bill Morrell (Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs) as Treasury's representative on the working group.

To reflect Treasury's accession to membership and set the record straight, the attached NSDM (Tab I) would simply confirm the original establishment of the NSCIC, its membership, and mission, as originally stated in the President's November 5, 1971 memorandum, and includes the Treasury representative.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the proposed NSDM at Tab I.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1974

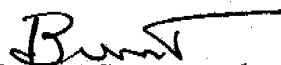
Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letters of November 23, 1973 and February 5, 1974 concerning Treasury representation on the NSCIC and its Working Group.

As he indicated when he discussed this with you a few weeks ago, Secretary Kissinger shares the view that Treasury's participation will provide a needed impetus for additional economic intelligence effort.

A National Security Decision Memorandum will be issued shortly to confirm Treasury's participation in the work of the NSCIC.

Warm regards,



Brent Scowcroft
Major General, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the
President for National
Security Affairs

Mr. William E. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505


MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY 

SUBJECT: Mr. Colby's Proposal to add Treasury to the NSCIC

As we discussed, Mr. Colby's letter to you of November 23, 1973, has been overtaken by events. Mr. Kissinger gave Colby the go ahead when the latter raised it during a luncheon some time in early January. Colby since then has written to Secretary Shultz and the latter has named Paul A. Volcker as the Treasury representative on the NSCIC and Bill Morell as Treasury's representative on the NSCIC Working Group (Colby's letter to you of February 5, 1974 - Tab C).

We need to tidy up the paper work on this now. Accordingly, at Tab A is a short note from you to Colby responding to his two letters to you of November 23, 1973 and February 5, 1974, simply acknowledging the state of affairs and advising that it is being confirmed in a National Security Decision Memorandum.

At Tab B is a brief memorandum from you to Secretary Kissinger recommending that he approve and sign the NSDM confirming the membership on the NSCIC to include the representative of the Secretary of the Treasury. (The NSCIC -- unlike all other NSC organs -- was not established by a NSDM but rather by a memorandum signed by the President on a broad range of subjects concerning Organization and Management of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community, dated November 5, 1971.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memoranda at Tabs A and B.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505


5 February 1974

Major General Brent Scowcroft, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Brent:

In response to my request of 10 January, the Secretary of
the Treasury has nominated Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs,
Paul A. Volcker, as the Treasury representative on the NSCIC.
Inclosed is a copy of his letter for your information.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby

Inclosure
as stated



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1974

Dear Bill:

I was pleased to learn from your letter of 10 January of the impending enlargement of the NSCIC to include a Treasury member. I think this is a good step and properly reflects the growing importance of foreign economic intelligence and the contribution it is making not only to my Department but to other member departments and agencies of the CEP. As you suggested Treasury will also be quite willing to represent the interests of the CEP members as appropriate--excluding of course the Department of State. As you know from our previous correspondence we have been working with a number of the CEP members on intelligence matters now for some time.

I would like to nominate my Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs, Paul A. Volcker, as the Treasury representative on the NSCIC and Bill Morell, my Special Assistant for National Security, as the Treasury representative on the NSCIC Working Group.

I am glad to see the NSCIC reactivated and I wish you good luck in your new role.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Shultz".

George P. Shultz

Mr. William E. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

23 November 1973

Major General Brent Scowcroft, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Brent:

Enclosed is a letter I would like to send to Secretary of the Treasury Shultz in order to involve the elements of the Government interested in foreign economic matters in activities of the NSCIC and the NSCIC Working Group.

I would appreciate your clearing this letter with Dr. Kissinger since I am acting on this matter as vice chairman of the NSCIC, which he heads.

Sincerely,

Bill

W. E. Colby

Enclosure
as stated

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

The Honorable George P. Shultz
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In his memorandum of 5 November 1971 on "Organization and Management of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community," the President established the National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC) to:

"...give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer."

Present NSCIC members are: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman; DCI, Vice Chairman; Attorney General; Deputy Secretary of State; Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In view of the importance of foreign economic intelligence, it would be highly appropriate to enlarge the NSCIC to include a member, to be selected by you, who will represent those elements of the Government which have a primary interest in foreign economic intelligence. Dr. Kissinger, as Chairman of the NSCIC, has asked me to arrange this with you.

Your selection of the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury as your representative would match the State and Defense level of representation, but I recognize you may wish to nominate someone else. I would hope that whomever you select would be able to represent the interests of the CEP members other than State.

I also invite your designation of a member to the NSCIC Working Group which is chaired by my Deputy for the Intelligence Community. State and Defense are represented on the Working Group at the Assistant Secretary or equivalent level. In terms of background and interest, your Special Assistant for National Security might be an appropriate choice.

The NSCIC has not been as active during the past two years as had been anticipated, partly because of the intense pressure of other duties on the chairman. My recent appointment as vice chairman was intended by the President to enable me to assume some of the chairman's responsibilities. I am hopeful that our future program will be one in which a Treasury representation will make an important contribution.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby