

coordination relating to their assigned countries. These directors are the single focal point in Washington for serving the needs of US ambassadors, and they work closely with the US country teams overseas in administering and implementing US foreign assistance programs.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) SYSTEM

The National Security Council, established by the National Security Act of 1947, is the principal forum that considers policy issues which require Presidential decision. It advises the President on the integration of foreign, domestic, and military matters relating to national security.

The NSC system is an interdepartmental and interagency advisory and coordinating system. The executive branch uses it to formulate foreign policy and national security recommendations. It also integrates and coordinates governmental efforts in the execution of approved foreign assistance policies. In effect, the NSC system provides for centralized planning, coordination, and policy formulation, and allows for decentralized execution of approved plans and policies by the various departments and agencies concerned.

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

The CIA coordinates intelligence activities of other US departments and agencies in the interest of national security. It is responsible for:

Advising the NSC in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the government departments and agencies as relate to national security.

Recommending policy to the NSC for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the government as they relate to national security.

Correlating and evaluating intelligence relating to national security and providing for appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the government.

Performing such additional services of common concern as the NSC determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.

THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (USICA)

USICA (also known as ICA) helps to achieve US foreign policy objectives by influencing public attitudes in other nations and by advising the President, his representatives abroad, and the various departments and agencies on the im-