

Director of Central Intelligence, should also prepare a military net assessment that would:

Provide comparisons of the capabilities and effectiveness of U.S. military forces with those of forces of potential adversaries for the Chairman's recommended national military strategy and other strategy options;

Reflect the military contributions of Allied Force where appropriate;

Evaluate the risks of the Chairman's recommended national military strategy and any strategy options that he develops for the Secretary of Defense and the President; and

Cover the entire five-year planning period.

The committee agrees with the recommendation of the Packard Commission. Members of the committee have long recognized the need for more balanced appraisals of the United States' situation vis-a-vis potential adversaries. Too often attention is focused on intelligence reports about developments in the Soviet Union without an accompanying analysis of how those developments affect the capabilities of the United States and its allies to achieve their interests and accomplish military missions. The committee believes that the unified and specified commanders should contribute to the development of net assessments and be fully apprised of the results.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

The Joint Chiefs of Staff Reorganization Act of 1985 (H.R. 3622), passed by the House of Representatives on November 20, 1985, is an integral part of the House of Representatives Department of Defense reorganization effort. The rationale for a number of changes in H.R. 4370 involving the relationship of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the unified commanders, the military departments, defense agencies, and the joint personnel structure is included in the report on H.R. 3622 (H. Rept. 99-375). The report contains a discussion of the reasons for making the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the principle military advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense and shifting other responsibilities to the chairman presently assigned to the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff committee. The justification for several provisions that appear in Title I of this legislation is included in the report on the Joint Chiefs of Staff bill. That report should be referenced with regard to the following sections on Title I of H.R. 4370:

(1) Subsection 161(a) of the new chapter 6 relating to the establishment of unified and specified combatant commands.

(2) Subsection 163(b) of the new chapter 6 relating to the responsibility of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to supervise the combatant commanders and act as their spokesman.

(3) Subsection 102(a) that would require the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to perform a number of additional responsibilities related to the combatant commanders, including providing advice on the overall allocation of resources in the defense budget, monitoring the assignment of officers to joint