balance of representation among the major art fields including music, drama, dance, literature, architecture and allied arts, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, and television. The President is requested in the making of such appointments to give consideration to such recommendations as may from time to time be submitted to him by leading national organizations in these fields. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a term of six years, except that (1) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (2) the terms of the members first taking office shall expire, as designated by the President at the time of appointment, seven at the end of the second year, seven at the end of the fourth year, and seven at the end of the sixth year after the date of enactment of this Act. No member of the Council shall be eligible for reappointment during the two-year period following the expiration of his term. The President shall designate one member of the Council to serve as its chairman. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman or the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary"), but not less often than twice during each calendar year. Eleven members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

(b) The Council shall have an executive secretary who shall be appointed by the Secretary after consultation with the Council. Within the limits of appropriations available therefor, the Secretary shall provide necessary secretarial, clerical, and other staff assistance for the Council, its executive secre-

tary, and its special committees.

Sec. 3. (a) The Council shall (1) recommend ways to maintain and increase the cultural resources of the United States, (2) propose methods to encourage private initiative in the arts, (3) cooperate with local, State, and Federal departments and agencies to foster artistic and cultural endeavors and the use of the arts both nationally and internationally in the best interests of our country, and (4) strive to stimulate greater appreciation of the arts by our citizens.

(b) To these ends the Council shall undertake studies of and make recommendations relating to appropriate methods, consistent with the policy set forth in the first section of this Act, for encouraging creative activity in the performance and practice of the arts and participation in and appreciation of the arts. In selecting subjects to be studied, the Council shall consider requests submitted to it by the heads of departments, agencies, and independent establishments of the Federal Government. The Council shall make recommendations in writing to the Secretary with respect to such studies; and the Secretary shall transmit such recommendations, together with his comments thereon, to the President and the Congress. In the selection of subjects to be studied and in the formulation of recommendations, the Council may obtain the advice of any interested and qualified persons and organizations, and the Secretary may appoint interested and qualified persons to assist the Council in making its studies from among those qualified persons recommended to him by the Council.

Sec. 4. Members of the Council, and persons appointed to assist the Council in making its studies, while attending meetings of the Council or while engaged in the conduct of studies authorized by this Act, shall receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$50 per diem, and shall be paid travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

Sec. 5. (a) Any member of the Council appointed under this Act, any person appointed to assist the Council in making its studies, and any other person appointed, employed, or utilized in an advisory or consultative capacity under this Act is hereby exempted, with respect to such appointment, employment, or utilization, from the operation of sections 281, 283, 284, and 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code, except as otherwise specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(b)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (a) of this section shall not extend to the following acts performed as an officer or employee of the United States by any person so appointed, employed, or utilized: (A) The negotiation or execution of, or (B) the making of any recommendation with respect to, or (C) the taking of any other action with respect to, any individual contract or other arrangement under this Act with the private employer of such person or any corporation, joint stock company, association, firm, partnership, or other