

to pay, retirement, and hours of service, and (3) special provisions to assure availability, responsiveness, and security status of essential personnel in fulfilling national defense requirements, and shall report the results thereof, and make recommendations for legislation thereon, to Congress on or before January 1, 1960.

#### Scientific Employees

(h) The Administrator is authorized to establish and fix the compensation for not to exceed fifteen positions of officers and employees of the Agency of a scientific or professional nature without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, each such position being established to effectuate those research, development, and related activities of the Agency which require the services of specially qualified scientific or professional personnel. The rates of basic compensation for positions established pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed the maximum rate payable under the Act of August 1, 1947 (Public Law 313, Eightieth Congress), as amended, and Title V of the Act of July 31, 1956 (Public Law 854, Eighty-fourth Congress), and shall be subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission. Positions created pursuant to this subsection shall be included in the classified civil service of the United States, but appointment to such positions shall be made without competitive examination upon approval of the proposed appointee's qualifications by the Civil Service Commission or such officers or agents as it may designate for this purpose.

#### Advisory Committees and Consultants

(i) The Administrator is authorized to appoint such advisory committees as shall be appropriate for the purpose of consultation with and advice to the Agency in performance of its functions hereunder and to obtain services authorized by section 15 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a), at rates not to exceed \$100 per diem for individuals, and for not to exceed one hundred days in any calendar year in the case of any individual. Members of such committees shall be entitled to travel expenses and per diem as authorized by the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2), for all persons employed intermittently as consultants or experts receiving compensation on a per diem basis.

#### Supergrades

(j) Subject to the standards and procedures of section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, the Administrator is authorized to place not to exceed fifty positions in grades 16, 17, and 18 of the General Schedule established by such Act. Such positions shall be in addition to (1) the number of positions authorized to be placed in such grades by such section 505 and (2) the number of positions transferred to the Agency under section 1502 of this Act which were (A) allocated under such section 505 to the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the Department of Commerce, (B) authorized for the Airways Modernization Board by Public Law 85-133 (71 Stat. 350), or (C) authorized for the Civil Aeronautics Administration by Public Law 85-469 (72 Stat. 228). The number of positions authorized for