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for the effective discharge of the responsibilities of the Agency in the event of war, and shall propose to Congress on or before January 1, 1960, legislation for such purpose: *Provided*, That in the event of war the President by Executive order may transfer to the Department of Defense any functions (including powers, duties, activities, facilities, and parts of functions) of the Agency prior to enactment of such proposed legislation. In connection with any such transfer, the President may provide for appropriate transfers of records, property, and personnel.

Officers and Employees

(f) The Administrator is authorized, subject to the civil-service and classification laws, to select, employ, appoint, and fix the compensation of such officers, employees, attorneys, and agents as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to define their authority and duties, except that the Administrator may fix the compensation for not more than twenty-three positions at rates not to exceed the highest rate of grade 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

Study of Special Personnel Problems

(g) The Administrator shall make a study, in consultation with other affected Government agencies, of personnel problems inherent in the functions of the Agency, giving due consideration to the need for (1) special qualifications and training, (2) special provisions as 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 twenty 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