

The basic staff of the task force should be provided by the Departments of Labor and Commerce, augmented as required from other Departments and from agencies. In certain instances, the Federal Task Force may find it useful to create smaller working groups to assure effective on-the-spot coordination of the activities of the cooperating agencies.

In cases where DOD, AEC, or NASA are directly involved, the advice of the task force and the services of its member agencies should be made available when requested by the department or closing or cutback of whose installation, or the cutback or cancellation of whose contract, is the source of the potential difficulty.

The Federal Task Force on Community Assistance should be permanently constituted and given an executive director and deputy director. It is recommended that it proceed rapidly to develop procedures and to carry out vigorously its mandate. In addition to its coordinating functions, it should encourage the training of community assistance specialists.

In all cases, however, coordinating agencies should operate by bringing to bear upon community problems the services of existing agencies of the Federal Government. *The coordinating agencies should not themselves develop specialized staffs to provide technical services. This is now and should remain the responsibility of the various departments.*

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Committee recommends that the defense procurement agencies review intensively their existing policies, procedures, and practices regarding the provision of advance notice to contractors and communities of impending changes in their programs. It believes that the maximum feasible advance notice of cancellations and cutbacks of contracts should continue to be given to the contractors and the localities involved, so that local officials can initiate or intensify adjustment planning and enlist the assistance of Federal agencies at the earliest practicable date.

In addition, the Committee recommends that, when a major contract is terminated, procurement agencies require the prime contractor to supply an assessment of the impact of this termination on its own directly related employment. The contractor should also furnish a list of subcontractors, together with information that would make it possible to estimate the timing and nature of the impact on them of the termination of the prime contract. The U.S. Employment Service, in cooperation with local employment services, should then develop an initial assessment of the impact on employment and on local labor markets, and make this assessment available to the State and Federal agencies primarily responsible for adjustment assistance.

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JOB INFORMATION AND PLACEMENT SERVICES

The Committee believes that it is necessary to strengthen the Federal-State Employment Service, through larger budgets and more effective procedures. It therefore strongly supports the expanded funding requested in the President's budget for fiscal year 1966. The effectiveness of all means—including both public and private employ-