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Mr. Whitworth will represent VA.

Mr. Tobin will represent DHEW.

Mr. Adams will attend as liaison with OMB.

In response to requests for clarification, Mr. Sorett confirmed that members of the Standing Committee represent the heads of their respective agencies.

Proposed Charter

Mr. Sorett presented a proposed Charter for the Standing Committee. Initial discussion of several aspects, including the definition of the MED/NPS management system and the functions of working groups, made it clear that most of those present had not had adequate opportunity to review the proposals. Accordingly, further consideration of the proposed charter was deferred to the July 22 meeting.

Recommendation Number 2

The Committee determined that initial steps toward the implementation of Recommendation Number 2 could be undertaken profitably in accordance with Recommendation Number 3(a). The Committee agreed that VA and DOD will select two or more families of items and recommend to the Committee on a simulated basis the specific families of items to be assigned to specific contracting offices. The Committee will then assess the impact of these simulated assignments on agencies presently engaged in central contracting for the items.