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TITLE 3—THE PRESIDENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 10421

PROVIDING FOR THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF FACILITIES IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. As used in the following sections of this order:

(a) The word "facilities" means those Government-owned and privately-owned plants, mines, facilities (including buildings occupied in whole or in part by any Federal agency), materials, products, and processes, and those Government-provided and privately-provided services, which are of importance to defense mobilization, defense production, or the essential civilian economy and are located or provided in the continental United States or in the Territories or possessions of the United States; *Provided*, That the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board may, upon proper notice to affected Federal agencies, from time to time amend the foregoing definition of "facilities," with respect to any or all parts of this order, as he shall deem to be compatible with the purposes of this order.

(b) The term "physical security" means security against sabotage, espionage, and other hostile activity and other destructive acts and omissions, but excludes security attributable to operations of military defense or combat and excludes also activities with respect to the dispersal and post-attack rehabilitation of facilities.

(c) The word "Chairman" means the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

SEC. 2. With a view toward the maintenance of essential production and the security of the United States, to the extent permitted by law, and subject to the provisions of this order, Federal agencies shall develop and execute programs and

measures for the physical security of facilities within the cognizance of such agencies, respectively.

SEC. 3. (a) In addition to carrying out the functions conferred upon him by law, the Chairman shall supervise and bring into harmonious action the programs and measures referred to in section 2 of this order.

(b) More particularly, the Chairman shall from time to time:

(1) Prescribe policies and programs governing the activities of Federal agencies with respect to the physical security of facilities, including the activities involved in carrying out section 4 (a) hereof (respecting security ratings).

(2) With the advice and assistance of appropriate Federal agencies, develop and promulgate standards of physical security to be applicable to facilities, which standards shall as far as practicable accommodate differences in degrees and types of physical security required, different categories of facilities, different security ratings, and such other considerations as may be pertinent.

(3) Assign facilities to Federal agencies, insofar as deemed practicable by the Chairman on the basis of the interests and general cognizance of agencies, for the performance by such agencies of the following functions, subject to the direction of the Chairman: (A) the furnishing of advice to the management or owner of a facility with respect to developing and administering the physical security program thereof; (B) in consultation with the management or owner of a facility and with other technically qualified persons, the development of physical security measures for such facility and, when necessary, the authorization of standards of physical security therefor which differ from the standards prescribed under section 3 (b) (2) hereof; (C) such supervision as may be appropriate of the application of physical security measures to assigned facilities; (D) the furthering, by other measures designated by the Chairman, of the physical security of assigned facilities; and (E) the appraisal of the adequacy