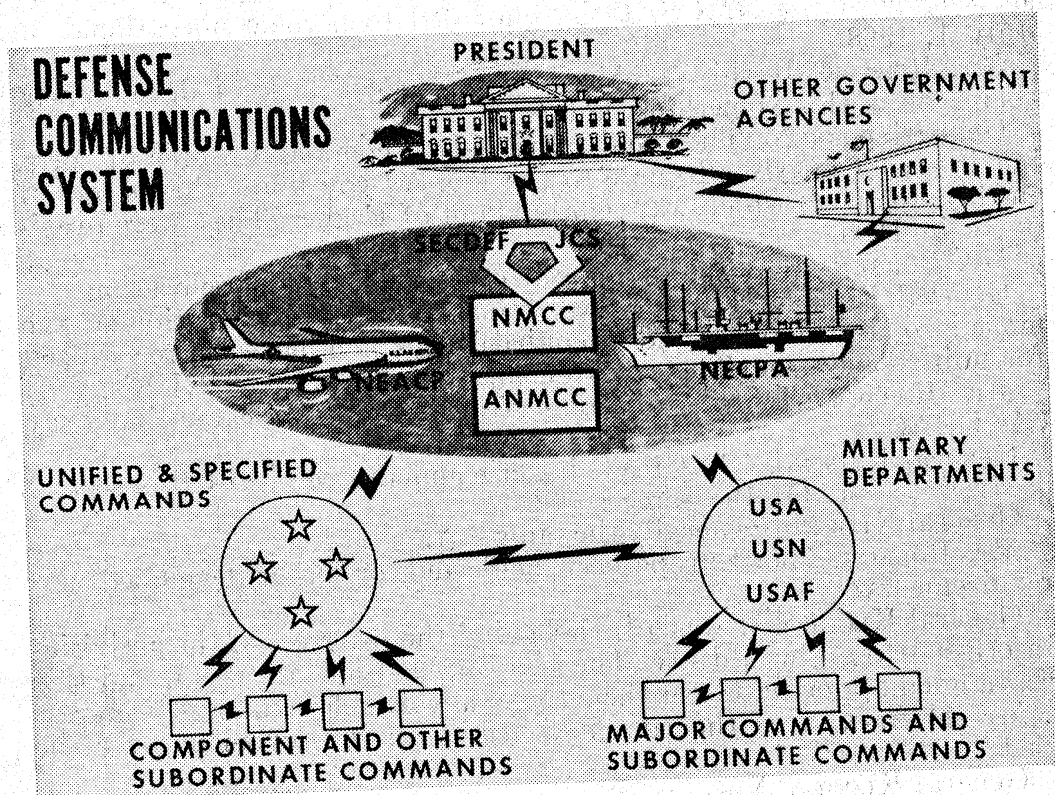


vision of the implementation of technical support for the National Military Command System (NMCS). The National Military Command System is the principal component of the Worldwide Military Command and Control System, including the subsystems of the unified, specified, and component commands, as well as the subsystems of the military service headquarters. The NMCS consists of the facilities, personnel, equipment, doctrine, procedures, and communications designed to enable the national command authorities to exercise strategic direction of the Armed Forces of the United States in time of crisis, and limited or general war. The NMCS with its four command centers and interconnecting communications is shown on chart 3.



The interconnecting communications of the NMCS do not constitute a separate system, but consist of the facilities of the Defense Communications System and the National Communications System designed and provided in response to NMCS requirements. The DCA Operations Center provides direct communications support to the National Military Command Center, which is located in the Pentagon.

In addition to providing technical support for the NMCS, DCA also provides technical support, principally in the form of computer model development and operational automatic data processing support, to Offices of the Secretary of Defense, other Defense agencies, the several directorates and elements of the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and especially the Southeast Asia Programs Division, the Special Assistant for Strategic Mobility and the Joint War Games Agency. There is in the headquarters a National Military Command System technical support directorate to carry out these duties and