

10.2 Weapon Centers

The combining of laboratory resources into a new weapon center is a promising management approach toward improving the mission-discipline interface. A single weapon center should be established on a priority basis and should serve as an example for the establishment of others if experience warrants such action.

(2) Recommendation: The Task Force recommends that, by 1 January 1967, the Navy conduct the required planning for establishing the first weapon center. The planning should depend heavily upon the unique in-house engineering competence that exists in one or more of the Navy laboratories, and the center's mission should be related to a significant part of the ASW problem.

10.3 Authority of Laboratory Directors

The Task Force's final recommendation involves the problem of providing each laboratory director with adequate resources for the effective planning and management of his organization. This particular problem must be faced squarely at the OSD level.

(3) Recommendation: The Task Force recommends that an OSD committee be established to determine the steps that are necessary to provide laboratory directors with appropriate controls over facilities, manpower and funding resources. The committee should include the Director of Defense Research and Engineering as chairman, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration).