Finally, one of the most important roles that the laboratories of the future will be increasingly called upon to play is their contribution to the technical definition of crucial military requirements and the consequent translation of these military requirements into technological goals and experimental prototypes, including much heavier involvement in planning for new weapon systems. It is this role in which laboratories can interact almost universally with the military planners, the operational forces, and all the other non-Governmental institutions that make the realization of our Defense goals possible.

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