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**ANNEX A**

**PROJECT A  
ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER**

1. **PURPOSE:** To increase the understanding of U. S. National Power; Economic, Psycho-social, Political and Military.
2. **SCOPE:** Project A deals with the various components of the four major elements, considers the more prominent aspects of each, identifying them and examining each in its individual characteristics and considering the effect it has on our nation's power. While the project is designed to examine the elements separately the detail which will evolve will reflect the close dependence of one upon the other and the intricate relationships which result.
3. **METHODOLOGY:** The project consists of four lectures and is supported by the required reading assignments indicated in paragraph 4.
4. **READING ASSIGNMENTS:**
  - a. Presidential State of the Union Message \*
  - b. "Foreign Trade and National Defense", Raymond Vernon, former Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Defense and Trade Policy, Department State.
  - c. "Truth as a weapon of the Free World", Richard L. Brecker, Member, General Manager's Executive Staff for State Department's International Information and Educational Exchange Program.
  - d. U. S. A. - The Permanent Revolution, The Editors of Fortune with Russell Davenport, New York, Prentice-Hall, 1951

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APPENDIX #1 - Period Synopses

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e. U. S. Government Organization Manual.

(1) Organization Charts, pp 588, 589, 596-599

(2) Executive Branch, pp 57-72, 124-186

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PERIOD SYNOPSES

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1701  
1:-1001

PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Economic  
Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase the understanding of how the U. S. uses  
the economic instrument of power to achieve National Objectives.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period will show the relationship of the U. S.  
GNP to the military budget, the effect of U. S. economic policies on  
military strategy and other nations of the world and the influence of  
the U. S. economic instrument on achievement of national objectives.

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1702  
2:-1001G

PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Political  
Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase the understanding of how the political  
instrument functions and its influence on the achievement of  
national objectives.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period will show how the Political instrument  
functions and its effect on our military strategy, the political  
actions of other nations and its influence on achievement of national  
objectives.

PERIOD CODE: CSS-1703  
1:-1001

PERIOD TITLE: The Military  
Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To better understand the strengths and weaknesses of  
the U. S. Military Instrument of National Power.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period explains the military factors which determine  
the relative effectiveness of the various military services in carrying  
out National strategy and the application of these factors to military  
strategy in specific national and international situations.

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PERIOD CODE: CSS-1704  
2:-1001G

PERIOD TITLE: The U. S. Psycho-  
Social Instrument of National Power

PERIOD OBJECTIVE: To increase understanding of the Psycho-Social  
instrument of power as it is used in furtherance of the National  
Objectives of the United States.

RESUME OF PERIOD: This period shows the development of the Psycho-social  
instrument in the United States, the present national organization for  
its employment and its relationship to the other elements of National  
Power, and an analysis of psycho-social operations in foreign affairs.