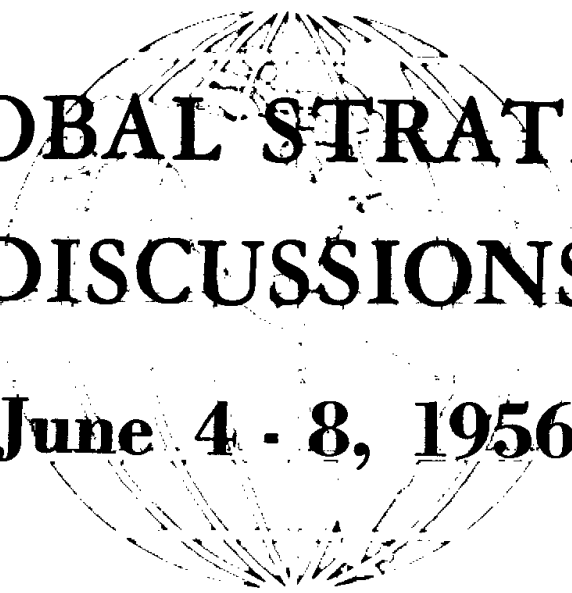


# The United States NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

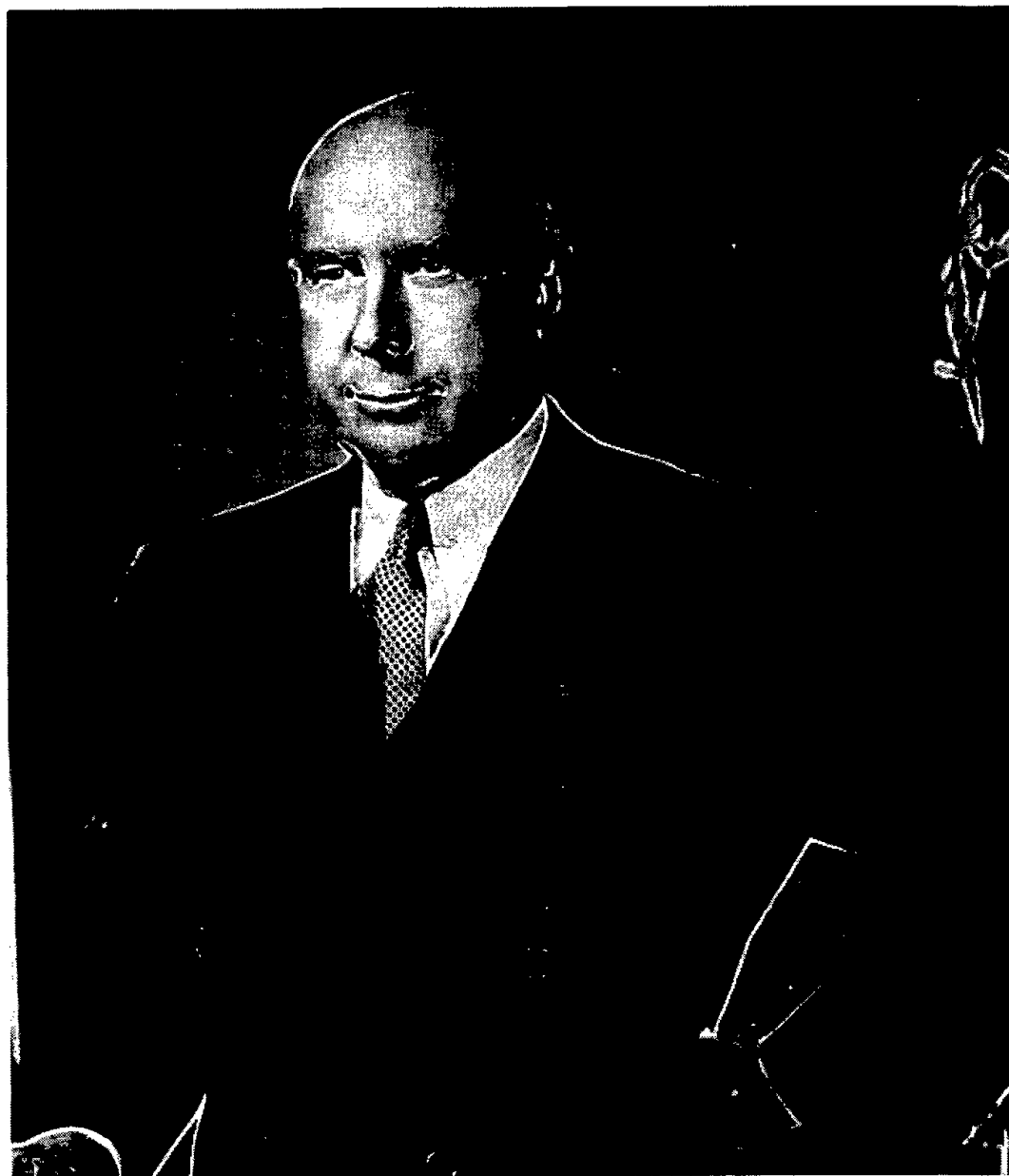


## GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS

June 4 - 8, 1956



The President  
of the  
UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
announces:  
the Eighth of the Annual Round Table  
GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS  
to be conducted at the  
NAVAL WAR COLLEGE  
Newport, Rhode Island  
June 4-8, 1956, inclusive



**Hon. CHARLES S. THOMAS**  
**Secretary of the Navy**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

The constant flux on the world's political scene and the rapidity and number of scientific developments applicable to naval warfare make mandatory the ever-greater and ever-closer cooperation between our civilian and naval leaders. Your presence at these discussions will give the Navy the benefit of judgment and experience that is highly valued and genuinely appreciated.

During these discussions, it must be remembered that our Navy has crossed the threshold into a new era of naval warfare. Today the Navy is assimilating nuclear power as rapidly as possible; our naval forces are being equipped with atomic weapons of all kinds replacing gunpowder weapons; we are operating jet aircraft of super-sonic performance instead of propeller driven aircraft. And we are converting to missiles instead of guns. New naval weapons systems, such as the jet powered seaplane and the marriage of the missile and the submarine are in existence today and are being further perfected. All these things have come about in a single decade.

These tremendous changes, increasing the power which can be projected from the sea a hundred-thousand fold, have given our Navy a responsibility far more important than it has ever had before.

Thus, it is the Navy's task to correlate closely new weapons and techniques to both our naval strategy and the over-all national strategy in such a manner as to best carry out the Navy's vital missions.

Your attendance will help us in this task.



**LYNDE D. McCORMICK**  
**Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy**  
**President**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Under our American system of government, the armed forces must always operate within a broad policy framework established by our civilian leaders--the President and Congress. In order that such a policy may be intelligently formulated, and be effective in the national interest, military leaders must be prepared to give sound advice on matters falling within their field of interest and action.

This is no easy matter today. Rapid technological changes have made warfare itself an increasingly complex art, and, in addition, those in or destined for positions of high command must meet and satisfy a great number of new requirements which have been generated by interrelated developments in the social, political, and economic spheres. The military leader of today and of the future must have a realistic appreciation of the heavy responsibilities placed upon our country by its power and the world wide influence which it exerts, and he must be able to appreciate their impact upon our over-all strategy.

Under our democratic system, which emphasizes the dignity and worth of the individual, every American shares in some measure the responsibility of formulating effective foreign and military policies which will not only contribute to the national security of the United States, but which will also measure up to our international responsibilities. To play our individual parts intelligently, we must endeavor to broaden our fund of knowledge of the many factors which bear upon the problem and clarify our thinking on the essential points involved in this many-sided problem. This, in short, is the purpose of the annual Global Strategy Discussions sponsored by the United States Naval War College.

The Eighth Annual Global Strategy Discussions will be the last scheduled curriculum activity of the academic year. They will consist of a series of round table discussions in which prominent civilian guests, Senior Reserve Officers and certain high ranking

visiting officers of the Armed Services are integrated into groups with all the students of the College. In the discussion groups there is complete freedom to express individual viewpoints and to hear diverse opinions while objectively examining some of the problems that must be faced by our nation.

Past experience has proven that the views of civilian guests, which reflect extensive experience in a wide variety of fields, illuminate and leaven the thinking of the military students. Then, too, guests attending the Global Strategy Discussions obtain more comprehensive appreciation of Naval and other military problems, and of many other factors of national power. They are thus aided in the forming of their own concepts of a Global Strategy and in better exercising their responsibilities as American citizens.

  
LYNDE D. McCORMICK

## GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS

4 through 8 June 1956

### PURPOSE

To acquire an understanding of the problems confronting the United States in formulating a global strategy to attain our national objectives.

### OBJECTIVES

Furthering an understanding by the individual of the complex nature of the problems facing the United States in formulating a global strategy to attain our national objectives.

Broadening the general knowledge of all participants with regard to the means at the disposal of the United States for attainment of national objectives.

Assisting the individual in arriving at his own concept of the national strategy of the United States.

Providing the participants an opportunity of sharing a cross-section of viewpoints by the mutual interchange of ideas between individuals possessing a wide range of experiences and backgrounds.

### SCOPE

A critical review of the world situation.

A determination of the national objectives.

An examination of the major factors affecting global strategy.

A consideration of the global strategies including supporting measures which will further the attainment of our national objectives.



## METHOD

The participants will be divided into small discussion groups. Each group will consist of resident student officers, Senior Reserve Officers, civilian and military guests. Each group will represent as wide a civilian background and military experience as possible. The moderator for each group will be a Naval War College student officer.

Participants will be offered a selected bibliography to develop background for the discussions. The lectures will present the broader aspects of the various phases of national strategy.

Group discussions will be held to examine in detail the basic factors affecting the world situation, the factors influencing strategy making, the national objectives of the United States, and the possible courses of action by which those objectives may be attained.

A plenary session will be conducted on the last day to further explore areas of common or unusual interest, to present concepts developed by the various groups, to allow expression of divergent points of view, and to exchange ideas among the participants.

## SECURITY

In accordance with the established policy of the Naval War College, the statements of speakers and of discussion participants will be accorded scrupulous privacy. This protection is expected to result, as it has in the past, in giving all participants the benefit of educated opinions frankly expressed.

Most lectures, printed matter and discussion comments occurring during the Global Strategy Discussions will be in the category of security information, which means that disclosure to an unauthorized individual or government would be potentially adverse to the national security of the United States. Security measures will be announced on the opening day of the discussions.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(All times Eastern Daylight Saving Time)

Monday - 4 June 1956

0830

to - Guest participants register at Pringle Hall  
1015

1030 - Welcoming address - President, Naval War College

### THE CURRENT WORLD SITUATION

- Security Briefing  
(following President's address)

1330 - Group Discussions, Seminar Rooms

Subject: "The Current World Situation"

Tuesday - 5 June 1956

0900 - Group Discussions

Subject: "The National Interests and  
Objectives of the United States"

1100 - Lecture

### NATIONAL STRATEGY

1400 - Group Discussions

Subject: "Political Considerations  
Affecting the Formulation  
of Strategy"

Wednesday - 6 June 1956

0900 - Group Discussions

Subject: "Economic Considerations Affecting  
the Formulation of Strategy"

1100 - Lecture

SEAPOWER AND NATIONAL STRATEGY

1400 - Group Discussions

Subject: "Military Considerations Affecting  
the Formulation of Strategy"

Thursday - 7 June 1956

0900 - Group Discussions

Subject: "Formulation of a Global Strategic  
Concept and Supporting Measures"

1100 - Lecture

THE FORCES PRODUCING THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION

1400 - Group Discussions

Subject: "Formulation of a Global Strategic  
Concept and Supporting Measures"

Friday - 8 June 1956

0900  
to  
1130

PLENARY SESSION

Conclusion of the Global Strategy Discussions

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHO PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS

Sharing in the Discussions will be the following groups:

Students and staff of the Naval War College representing all of the armed services, certain other government agencies, and certain academic fields.

Distinguished civilians selected from various fields of endeavor and from all important sections of our national life, who have been cleared for SECRET information and who will have the status of Guests of the Secretary of the Navy.

Flag and General officers from the Armed Services.

Senior Naval and Marine Corps Reserve officers selected for their experience, either in the service or in civilian life.

### ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The President, Naval War College will open the discussions at 10:30 a.m., 4 June 1956 and it is therefore requested that civilian participants arrive at the Naval War College not later than 9:30 a.m. Monday, 4 June. The Reserve officers will report on Saturday, 26 May 1956 for the Senior Reserve Officer course which includes full participation in the Discussions. Participants who bring their wives or families along will find that during the time that they are engaged at the College the ladies will be able to enjoy themselves in Newport or, if they have their cars, to visit many historical and other points of interest in New England.



All participants are urged to utilize the facilities of this Information Office.

## TRAVEL

Newport is not located directly on any railroad or steamship line; however, an excellent system of roads connects Newport with New York, Providence and Boston. If travelling from New York, you can proceed either via the Jamestown Bridge and Ferry or via Providence. The Jamestown Ferry does not run later than 11:00 p.m. daily. The ferry leaves Jamestown hourly on the hour.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad provides rail service to Providence, Rhode Island, from New York and Boston. Four through trains operate from Washington, D.C. to Providence. One of these, the "Federal" leaves Washington at 10:45 p.m. (EDST) and drops off sleeping cars at Providence at 7:05 a.m. (EDST).

Bus service is available from all major cities. From the Providence Bus Station, located across the street from the railroad station, Short Line Bus Company busses are scheduled to Newport at frequent intervals throughout the day.

American, Eastern and United Air Lines operate air service to and from Providence, R.I. They can, through Newport Air Park, provide air transportation from any point to Newport, with a change required, however, at Providence. The Providence field is officially known as the Theodore Francis Green Airport, Hills Grove, R.I. It is operated by the state. The Newport Air Park is privately owned and operated. It offers charter plane hire, and also services private planes at Newport. It transfers passengers from Hills Grove to Newport under arrangements with the principal air lines, or on notice. The Newport Air Park is about two miles from the Naval War College.

The nearest military field is the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R.I. It is on the opposite side of Narragansett Bay from Newport. Transportation will be furnished to the Naval War College as necessary.

In the case of civilian participants, neither the Naval War College nor the U.S. Government can assume any expenses involved in transportation or for accommodations in Newport. However, every effort subject to availability of means, will be made to provide automobile transportation for participants between Providence and Newport.

### LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Arrangements have been made so that Bachelor Officer accommodations will be made available for Reserve officers and in limited numbers for civilian participants. A major type naval vessel will be at Newport during the period of the Discussions. Berthing and messing facilities aboard will be available for civilian participants. Neither the BOQ nor the ship can be used by members of guests' families.

It will be necessary for participants who bring their families, or who do not desire to live in the Bachelor Officers Quarters or aboard the naval vessel, to obtain accommodations in the City of Newport. The two principal hotels have adequate accommodations and may be contacted directly for reservations. Indicate, when writing to a hotel, that you are attending the Global Strategy Discussions.

Muenchinger-King Hotel	\$5 per day (single)
38 Bellevue Avenue	\$8-\$9 per day (double)
Tel. 3700	Suites from \$15 per day
Hotel Viking	\$4.75-\$8 per day (single)
Bellevue Avenue	\$7.50-\$11 per day (double)
Tel. 3300	Suites from \$20 per day

## MEALS

Meals are served at the following places:

Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open)  
Aboard ship  
At local hotels

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be scheduled between BOQ's, hotels and the Naval War College during the period 26 May to 8 June 1956.

A limited amount of transportation for official purposes will be available on request during working hours. In order to arrange for such transportation, contact the Global Strategy Discussions Information Office, Maneuver Room, Pringle Hall.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Invitations are extended to the Guests of the Secretary of the Navy and their ladies to attend the traditional Global Strategy Discussions Dinner Dance. This event serves as a climax for the year's social events, and for those which are held during the Discussions week. The schedule of social events will be announced separately by the Naval War College Entertainment Committee.

## UNIFORMS

Uniform of the Day for naval officers will be either Service Dress Blue BAKER (white cap cover) or Service Dress Khaki. Officers of other services may wear a corresponding uniform.

Uniform for a formal Dinner-Dance to be held during the week will be Dinner Dress Blue BAKER (black bow tie). Other services will wear corresponding uniform.



## WEATHER

Warm days and cool nights feature Newport's late spring weather. There is occasional fog in the early morning, burning off as the day progresses. Normally, there is little rain in June.

## RETURN RESERVATIONS

Should you require travel reservations, or special transportation incidental to your departure, you will be given all possible assistance by the Duty Officer in the Global Strategy Discussions Information Office. It is recommended that he be advised of such needs as early as possible in order that he may render maximum assistance.

## CLUB PRIVILEGES

Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open)  
U.S. Naval Base, Newport, R.I.

Individual guest cards will be issued to participants which will entitle them to guest privileges of the mess during their stay in Newport.

## NEWPORT READING ROOM

The Newport Reading Room is the fourth oldest Gentlemen's Club in the United States. It was founded in 1853 and still occupies the original location. Guest privileges are by invitation only and they have been extended to all visiting participants in the Global Strategy Discussions. Visitors will sign the register upon entering the Reading Room and indicate they are members of the Naval War College Global Strategy Discussions Group. The Reading Room is located in Newport at 29 Bellevue Avenue. Telephone, Newport 480.

## NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB

The Newport Country Club was established in 1894 and was one of the first golf clubs in the United States. Special guest privileges have been extended to all participants attending the Global Strategy Discussions. Visitors will sign the register and indicate they are members of the Discussions Group.

## CLAMBAKE CLUB

The Clambake Club on Tuckerman Road, Easton's Point, was established near the turn of the century as a social organization. It has a limited membership. Guest privileges are by invitation only, but have been extended to all visiting participants in the Global Strategy Discussions. Guests will sign the register and indicate that they are members of the Naval War College Discussions Group.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

### OCEAN DRIVE

A most interesting and beautiful drive which passes by many of the estates of Newport's famous summer colony.

### CLIFF WALK

If you enjoy walking, either for pleasure or exercise, Newport offers the Cliff Walk. This Walk, which is open throughout to the public, begins at the southern end of Easton's Beach, follows the shoreline fronting the palatial summer homes and ends at Bailey's Beach. It was damaged by the hurricane of 31 August 1954, but is passable.

## "THE BREAKERS"

"The Breakers" is the Cornelius Vanderbilt estate. It is believed to be the most expensive private home in North America and is an outstanding example in Newport of the competition between wealthy residents in the building of luxurious homes. All of the original furnishings are still in "The Breakers". The property is presently leased to the Preservation Society of Newport which conducts tours through it for a fee. If there is sufficient interest among participants, special tours will be arranged.

## COLONIAL NEWPORT

Reflecting early aspects of Newport, culturally, historically and economically, are: Trinity Church, at Church and Spring Streets, built in 1725, with an interior that is an architectural masterpiece; The Brick Market, southwest corner of Thames Street and Long Wharf, built in 1726, the public market of colonial Newport and once used as City Hall; Old Colony House, or State House, dating from 1739 and facing Washington Square; the Vernon House, 1756, Mary and Clarke Streets, used by Count de Rochambeau during the French Occupation; Hunter House, 1757, at 62 Washington Street, one of the best Georgian examples in America; and the Temple Jeshuat Israel, Touro Street, oldest synagogue in America. (The congregation was formed in 1658 and the Synagogue built in 1763. The interior is a unique example of Colonial beauty.)

Other points of interest will be found on a map which will be available to you at the Global Strategy Discussions Information Office. Incidentally, the Elks Clubhouse, 141 Pelham Street, was used by the U.S. Naval Academy during the War between the States when the Midshipmen evacuated Annapolis, Maryland, temporarily.

## NEARBY HISTORIC PLACES

Motor tours to various historic points are easily made from Newport. Plymouth Rock, internationally known, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, is reached over a well-marked road from New Bedford, Massachusetts, gateway to Cape Cod, and home of a most interesting whaling museum. New Bedford is but thirty miles away, or about the same distance as Providence, Rhode Island. Closer at hand is Fall River, Massachusetts and smaller New England towns. Boston, Massachusetts, with its many points of interest, is sixty-two miles from Newport, the usual route being through Fall River.

## HISTORY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Established in 1884, at Newport, Rhode Island, the U.S. Naval War College was the first of its kind in the nation. It has functioned continuously since, except for brief periods during the Spanish-American War and World War I.

The College, since its inception, has pursued its continuing mission of the preparation of naval officers for higher command, and has achieved a position of authority in the field of education relating to the art and science of naval warfare. Its importance, with the complexity of modern warfare, is more apparent today than it was when the Secretary of the Navy, at the time of its founding, wrote Congress: "the arts of naval warfare had become so complicated that some provision was necessary to acquaint senior officers with the best thought on these confusing subjects."

The primary mission of the College, governing all of its curricula, is "to further an understanding of the fundamentals of warfare, international relations, and interservice operations, with emphasis on their application to future naval warfare in order to prepare officers for higher command." Necessarily, in executing its mission the Naval War College curriculum has undergone constant change in response to the changing responsibilities and educational requirements of the naval commander.

World War II and its aftermath resulted in unusually great changes in the educational requirements for high command. Added to the increased technological complexity of warfare were requirements for commanders to have a keen understanding of the political, social, and economic factors conditioning national and supra-national military planning. Peacetime coalition planning for world conditions of varying tensions from relative peace to nuclear war, tremendously widened the field to be studied. The demand for curriculum

time led to the establishment of two courses in Naval Warfare, each of one-year length. The need for a period to synthesize the knowledge gained from studies, in full consideration of the views of respected civilian leaders, resulted in the Global Strategy Discussions, which, since 1949, have been the climactic event to the academic year.

Understanding of the many problems entering into consideration of the causes of war, and of the complexities of modern warfare, is stimulated at the College by the fact that in both staff and student groups are officers of the Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard in addition to those of the Navy. The State Department and other governmental agencies are also represented in the college personnel.

Many distinguished officers have served as President of the Naval War College. They have included Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce, its first president; Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, who achieved international renown through his expressed views on sea power; Rear Admiral William S. Sims, and Admiral Raymond A. Spruance. Continued effort by them and their successors has resulted in the College attaining a position which it now maintains at the apex of the Navy's higher educational system.

Distinguished graduates of the Naval War College include Fleet Admirals King, Halsey and Nimitz, in addition to many others who are today holding positions of prominence in the service.

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

<i>President</i>	<i>Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, USN</i>
<i>Aide</i>	<i>Commander Carl B. Hibben, USN</i>
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<i>Administration Department</i>	<i>Captain Clayton R. Simmers, USN</i>
<i>Advanced Study in Strategy and Sea Power</i>	<i>Captain Leonard J. Dow, USN</i>
<i>Command and Staff Department</i>	<i>Captain Lawrence B. Cook, USN</i>
<i>Correspondence Courses Department</i>	<i>Captain Alexander B. Coxe, USN</i>
<i>Intelligence Department</i>	<i>Captain R.E.C. Jones, USN</i>
<i>Research and Analysis Department</i>	<i>Captain Harold Payson, Jr., USN</i>
<i>Strategy and Logistics Department</i>	<i>Captain Karl E. Jung, USN</i>
<i>Strategy and Tactics Department</i>	<i>Captain Thomas W. Hogan, USN</i>
<i>World War II Battle Evaluation Group</i>	<i>Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN (Ret.)</i>
<i>State Department Advisor</i>	<i>Mr. Norris S. Haselton (FSO)</i>
<i>U.S. Air Force Advisor</i>	<i>Colonel Richard C. Kugel, USAF</i>
<i>U.S. Army Advisor</i>	<i>Colonel Carl B. Herndon, Inf., USA</i>

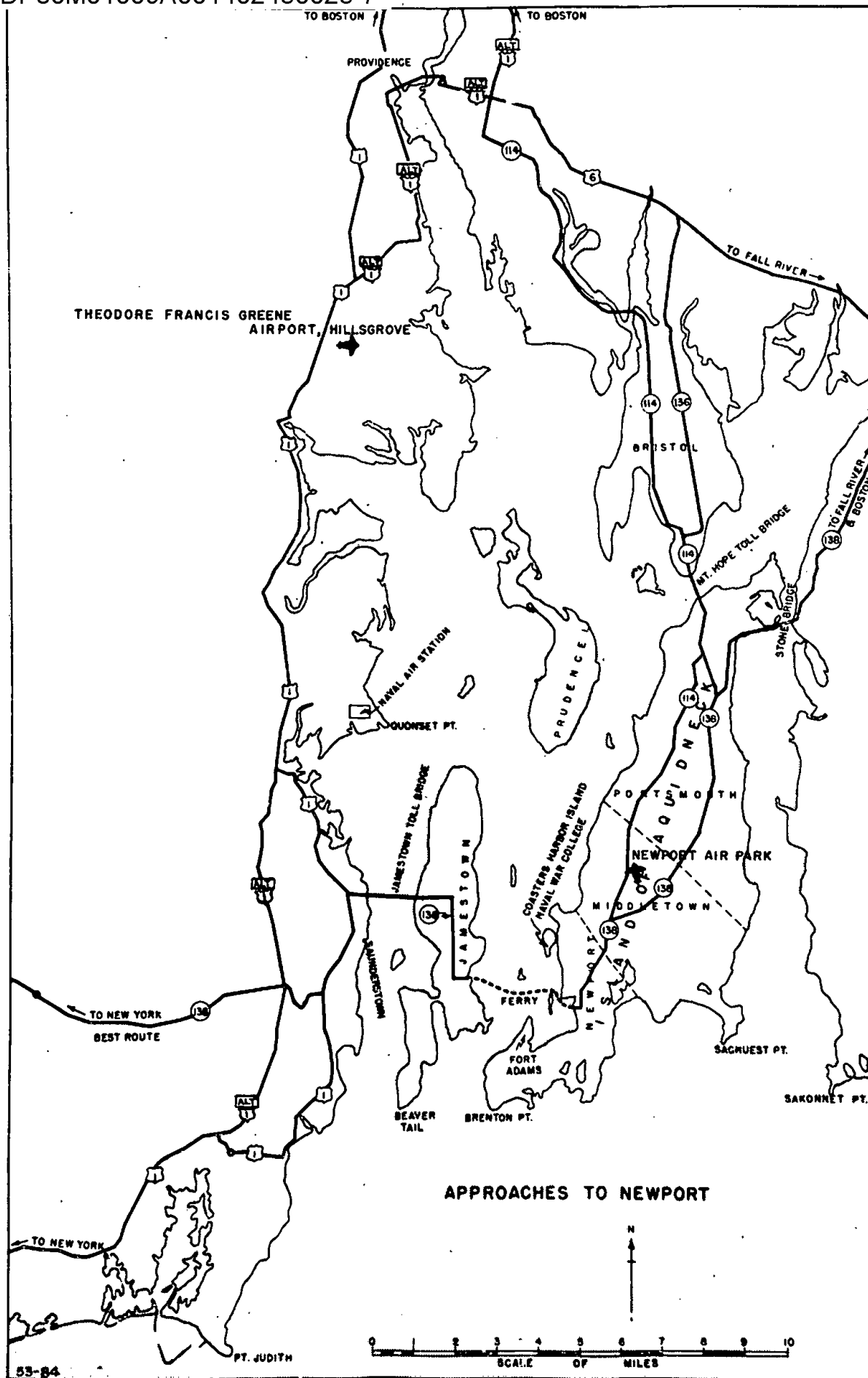
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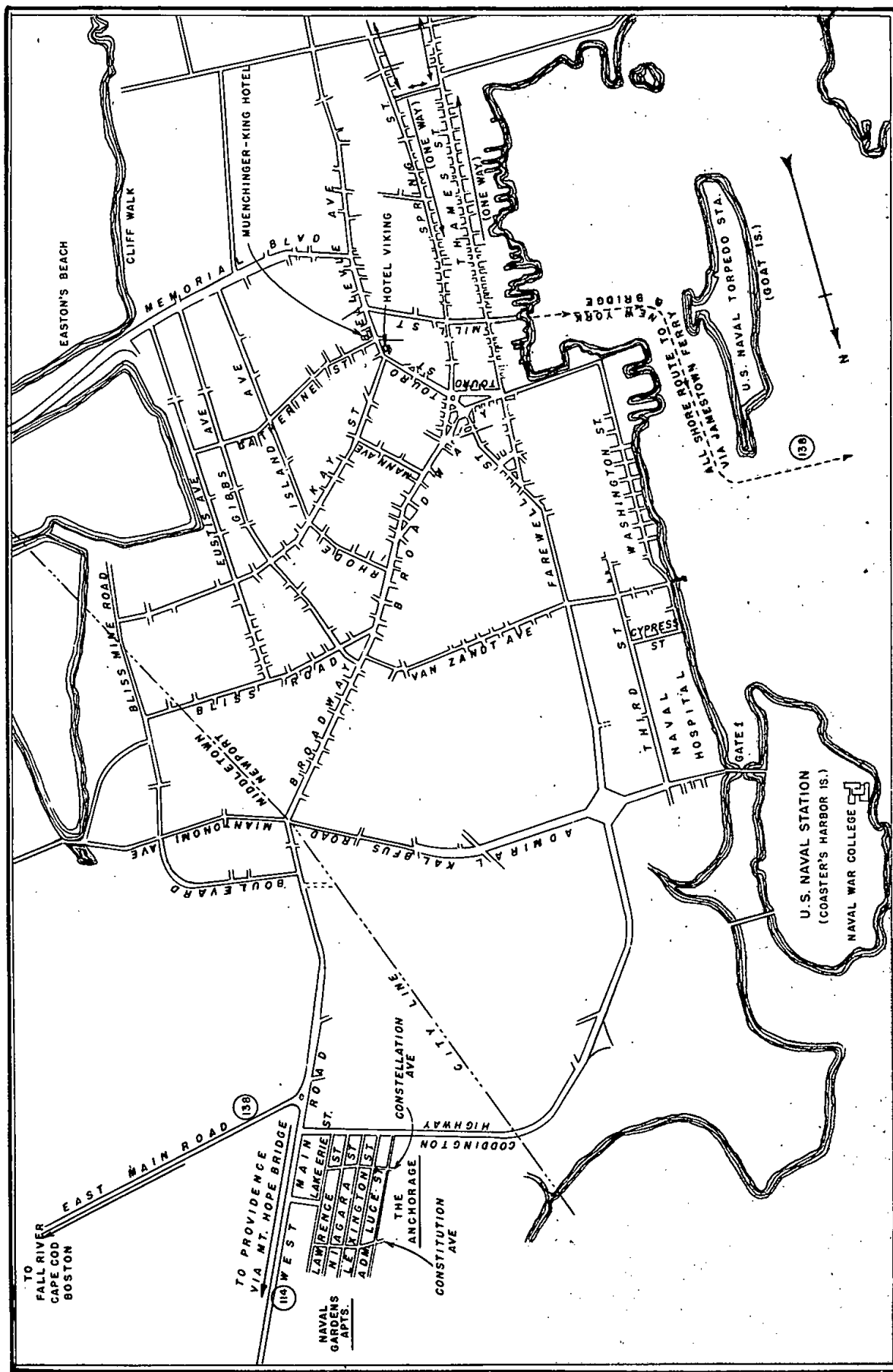
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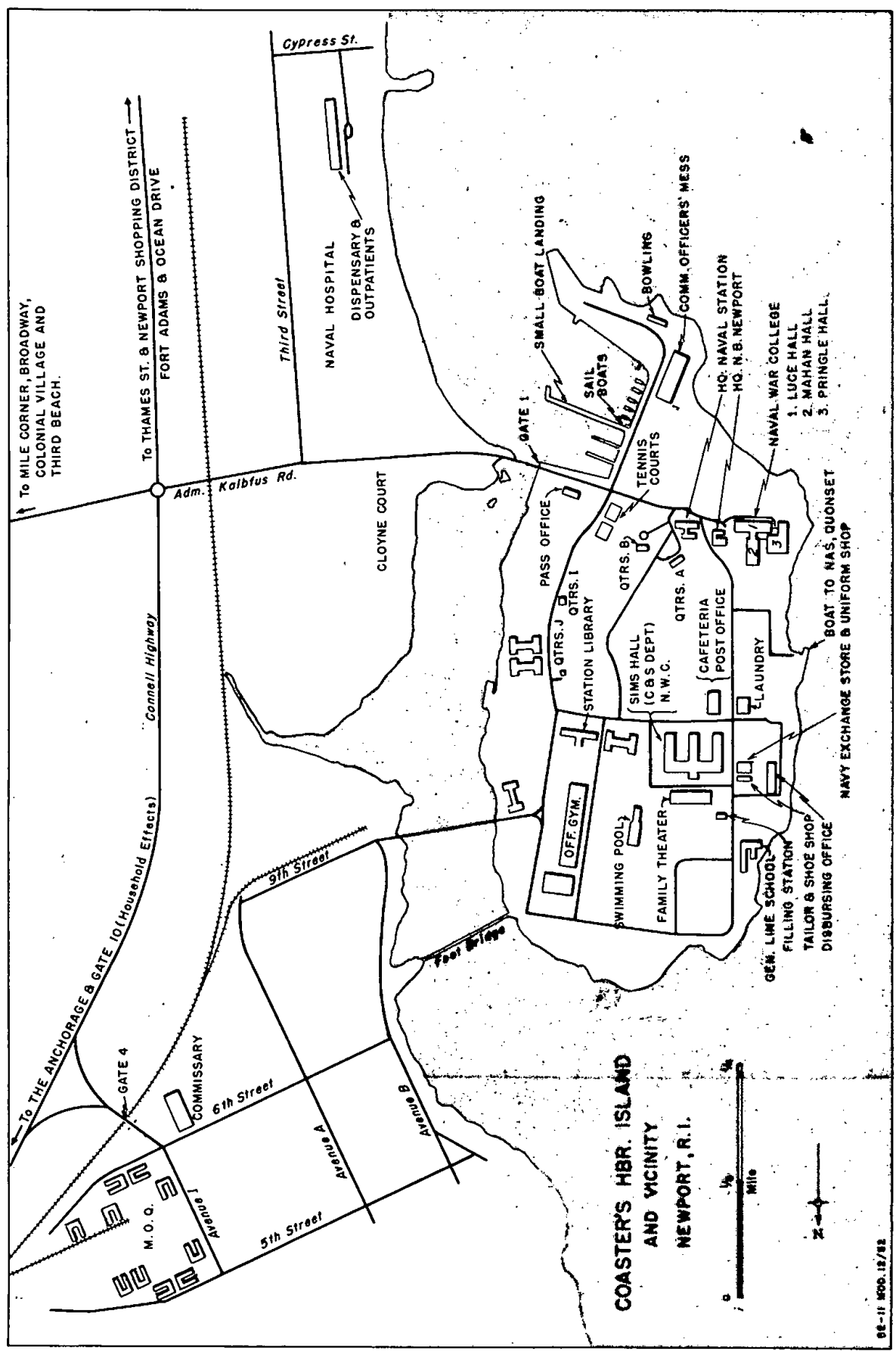
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### PERTINENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

To call the numbers listed from Newport phones, telephone Newport 2280 and ask for extension indicated below. To call from a Naval Base phone, dial the final three numbers indicated.

Global Strategy Discussions Information. . . . . 7-619  
7-423

Naval War College Duty Officer . . . . . 7-407

#### Naval War College:

Aide to President . . . . . 7-401

Secretary . . . . . 7-403

#### City of Newport:

Muenchinger-King Hotel. . . . . Newport 3700

Hotel Viking. . . . . Newport 3300

Short Line Bus Company. . . . . Newport 182

New York, New Haven & Hartford  
Railroad Ticket Office. . . . . Newport 241

Travel, Inc. . . . . Newport 18

Newport Air Park. . . . . Newport 6344

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