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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SPACE

TO : Heads of Federal Agencies

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on Federal Buildings in the National  
Capital Region

1. Purpose. This bulletin announces the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Federal Buildings in the National Capital Region and sets forth the functions, membership, and other matters affecting its operation.

2. Background.

a. One of the basic missions of the General Services Administration is that of initiating and maintaining plans and programs for the effective and efficient acquisition and utilization of federally owned and leased office space. To assist in fulfilling this mission, the Committee will advise with respect to the development and maintenance of current and long-range plans for the provision of Federal office and related space in the National Capital Region.

b. This Committee is being established pursuant to authority of Section 205(g) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, and in accordance with the Presidential directive dated January 29, 1966, copy attached.

3. Committee membership. The membership of the Committee shall be composed of the Administrator of General Services, who shall be Chairman of the Committee; the Chairmen of the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Capital Regional Planning Council, and the Commission of Fine Arts; a designee of the Secretary of Defense; the Engineer Commissioner, District of Columbia; Administrator, National Capital Transportation Agency; and such other appropriate representatives of the Federal Government as may be designated by the Administrator. Observers to the Committee shall be the President's Advisor for National Capital Affairs and staff representatives designated by the Director, Bureau of the Budget. The members of the Committee shall receive no additional compensation for such services.

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4. Functions of the committee.

a. The Committee shall consider and advise with respect to the following matters as they apply to Federal space needs:

(1) Current and long-range plans and programs for the housing of Federal agencies in the National Capital Region.

(2) Economic aspects of such plans and programs such as losses of tax revenue, vacancy rates in commercial office space, ratio of leased to Government-owned space, relocation costs, and programing and financing for other related public works improvements such as roads, rapid transit, etc.

(3) Relationship of such plans and programs to land use, population density, zoning, public transportation, and traffic capacity of streets and highways.

(4) Current agency space assignments and growth potential in relationship to possible consolidations within specified geographical areas, taking into account the reuse of Government-owned buildings to be vacated and available Government-owned sites.

(5) Relationship of Federal construction projects to long-range development programs of the District of Columbia and of the governments in the suburban areas in Maryland and Virginia.

(6) Project priorities based on urgency of need and availability of resources.

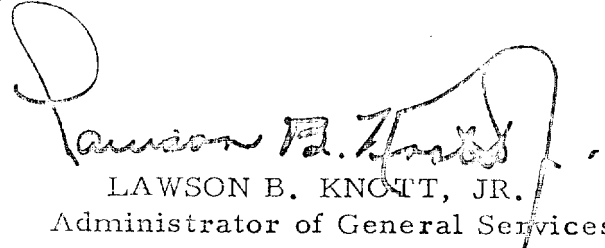
(7) Decentralization or dispersal of agencies or units within an agency.

b. The functions and responsibilities of the Committee are to be achieved in consonance with the major purposes and objectives of the Year 2000 Plan; the President's memorandum of November 27, 1962, on the Planning and Development of the National Capital Region; Executive Order No. 11035 of July 9, 1962, entitled "Management of Federal Office Space"; the report of the President's Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space of May 23, 1962; plans for the development of Pennsylvania Avenue; and plans for the development of a rapid transit system. In carrying out its advisory functions and responsibilities, the committee shall have due regard for the comprehensive plan for the National Capital prepared by the National Capital Planning Commission in accordance with the National Capital Planning Act of 1952.

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5. Meetings. Meetings shall be at the call of the chairman.
6. Records. The Committee shall maintain such records as are necessary in the proper performance of its functions.
7. Reports and recommendations. The Committee shall render such reports and submit such recommendations considered by the Committee as necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this order.

  
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