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Army & Navy Munitions Board
27 July 1945.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Reconstitution of the Army-Navy Munitions Board. x3716

Enclosure: Letter from Army-Navy Munitions Board to Secy. of War and Secy. of Navy.

The enclosed letter on the above subject was referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Secretaries of War and Navy in order that it might be considered by them prior to being forwarded to you.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that you approve the proposals made by the Secretaries of War and Navy.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff: x5014

William D. Leahy

WILLIAM D. LEAHY,
Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff to the

Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. x4189

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ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD

Washington, D. C.

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returned to
Capt. Strauss
Room 3004
Navy Department*

From: The Army and Navy Munitions Board.
To: The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: Reconstitution of the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

1. In view of the present existence of the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with broad responsibilities over military programs and in view of the arrangements now in effect between the Army, Navy and the War Production Board with regard to the supply of materials and products needed by the Services, it is recommended that paragraphs 133 and 134 of Section IV of the Joint Action of the Army and Navy, 1935, relating to the Army and Navy Munitions Board as amended by the Army and Navy Munitions Board letter of 28 January 1942, approved by the President on 21 February 1942 and as further amended by Army and Navy Munitions Board letter of 7 November 1942, be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

SECTION IV

ARMY AND NAVY MUNITIONS BOARD

133. The authority for the Army and Navy Munitions Board is contained in the Joint Board's letter J. B. No. 346 (Serial No. 181) of 27 June 1922, approved by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy 29 June 1922. The board consists of the Under Secretary of War and the Under Secretary of the Navy and at their discretion a chairman appointed by them. It is staffed by an Executive Committee with an appropriate secretariat. It has no organization below the level of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee consists of one officer of flag rank to be selected by the Under Secretary of the Navy and one general officer to be selected by the Under Secretary of War. At such times as there may be a chairman of the Board, he will also act ex officio as a member and as chairman of the Executive Committee. In the discretion of the Army and Navy Munitions Board a representative of the Army Air Forces, of the Bureau of Aeronautics, and of the Maritime Commission to be selected by the Assistant Secretary of War for Air, the

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Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, and the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, respectively, may be added as members of the Executive Committee. In the discretion of the Board representatives from other agencies may be added to the Executive Committee from time to time.

134. The Board is authorized and directed to:

a. Form and direct the activities of such joint committees as may be necessary concerning:

(1) priority matters;

(2) clearance of regulations issued by the War Production Board dealing with conservation, limitation, and priority administration;

(3) clearance of proposals for requisitioning of property under the Act of 16 October 1941;

(4) clearance of acquisition by government agencies of port terminal facilities; and

(5) the performance of functions imposed on the Board by Public Law 117, 76th Congress with respect to the purchase of strategic materials for stockpile purposes and their release for war uses.

b. In conjunction with the Joint Administrative Committee advise the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters having to do with priority policies and material supply.

c. Perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to it by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy.

2. The Executive Committee in carrying out the functions relative to development of priorities policies and to material supply is available to function as a committee for the Joint Administrative Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Executive Committee will maintain the records of the Board so that the Board may resume its previous broader functions in time of peace.

3. The Army and Navy Munitions Board will report, when necessary, to the President through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. In view of the fact that Military Order, The White House, July 5, 1939, signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander-in-Chief, states

that the Board shall hereafter exercise its functions under his direction and supervision, it is recommended that approval of the Commander-in-Chief be obtained.

/s/ Robert P. Patterson

ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Under Secretary of War.

/s/ Forrestal

JAMES FORRESTAL
Under Secretary of the Navy.

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert P. Patterson

Acting Secretary of War.

/s/ Frank Knox

Secretary of the Navy.

APPROVED:

/s/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House
July 28, 1943

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Commander-in-Chief