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SUBJECT: Organization of Defensive Technologies Executive
Committee -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

This memorandum establishes a Defensive Technologies Executive Committee, whose purpose will be to address the management of all issues raised by the President's March 23rd speech related to defensive technologies for protection against nuclear attack.

The Committee will be chaired by Paul Thayer, and its membership will include the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Under Secretaries of Defense; the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation.

Many of the relevant issues will be in the scientific and technical fields. Therefore, I expect to be frequently calling upon the Defense Science Board and other appropriate elements of the Department to support the work of the Defensive Technologies Executive Committee.

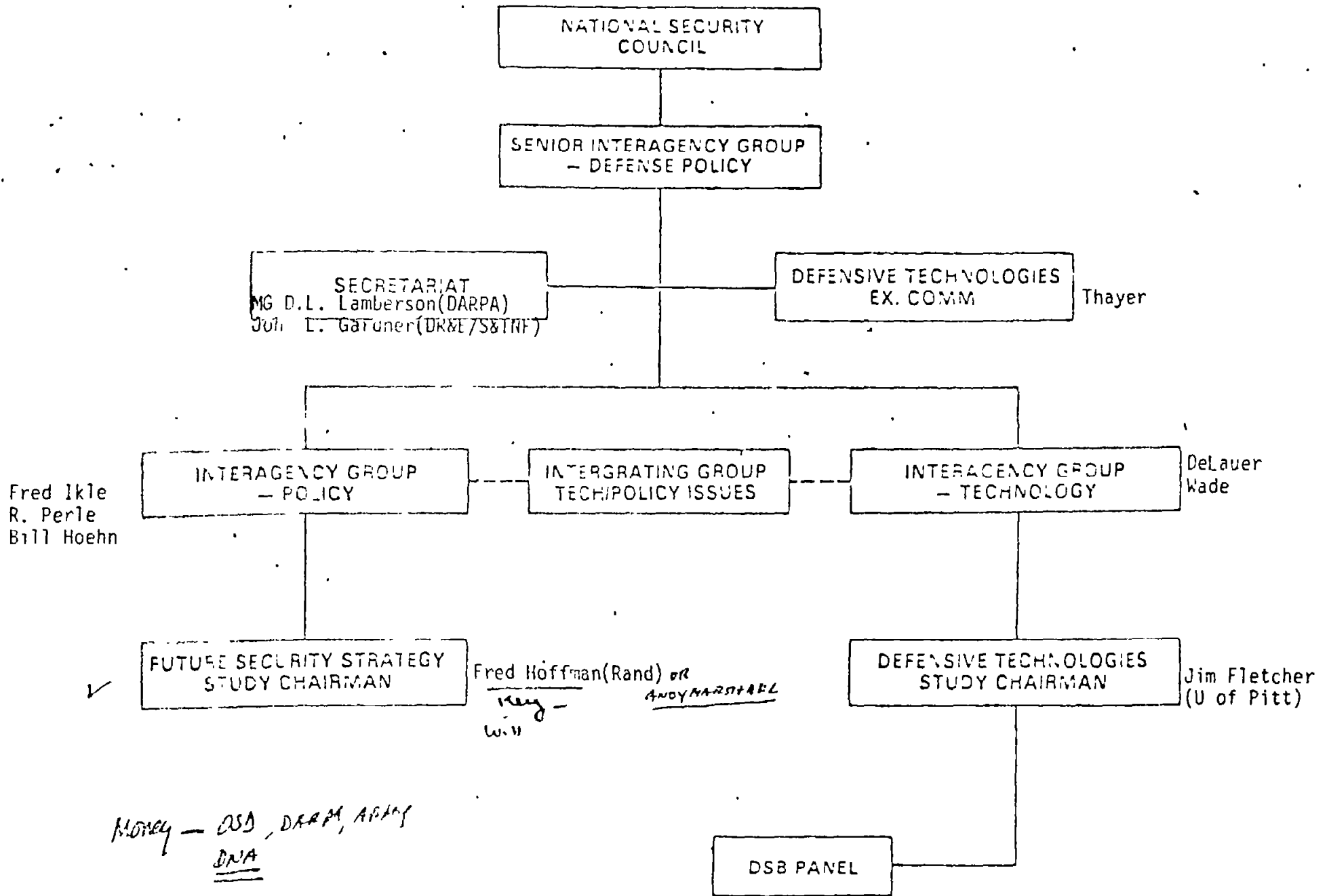
I will meet frequently with the Executive Committee and with Paul Thayer so as to keep in close touch with our progress.

Major General Donald Lamberson will serve as Executive Secretary to the Committee and will be contacting Committee members directly about the organizational meeting, which will be held as soon as conveniently possible.

We will also shortly make suggestions to the NSC to comply with the provisions of NSDD 85.

I cannot overemphasize the high priority the President and I assign to this whole project.

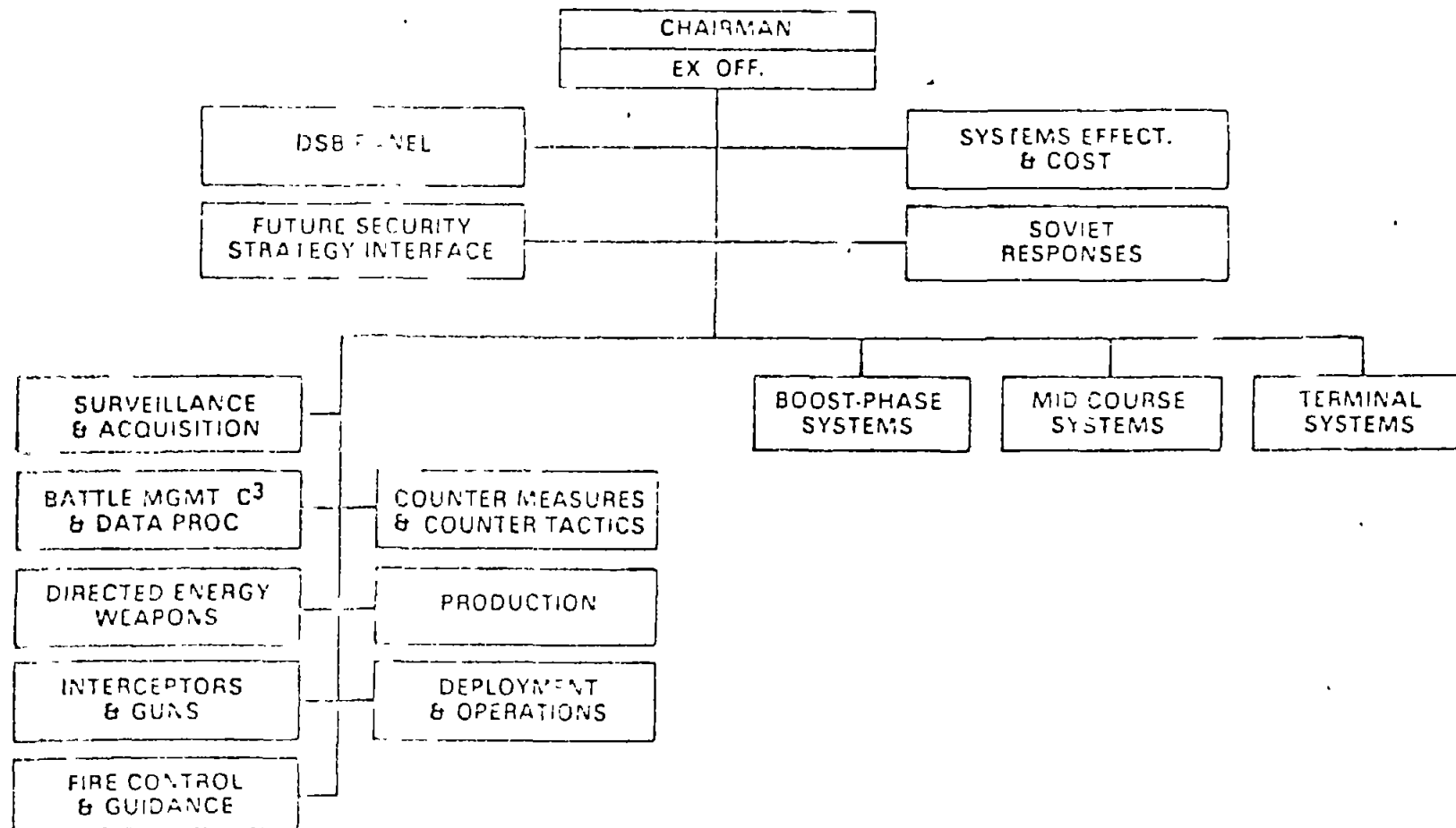
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