

other government offices to have copies of this document, I should be glad to forward it to them.

Very truly yours,
F. A. MIDDLEBUSH, *President*
Association of American Universities

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20, 1951

DEAR DR. MIDDLEBUSH:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 6 in which, as President of the Association of American Universities, you bring to the attention of the Science Advisory Committee the resolution passed by the Association concerning the role played by American universities in the emergency defense program.

The Committee is aware of the heavy demand upon universities and university faculties to undertake research and other emergency services for the government. It also realizes the importance of preserving as fully as possible the basic and long-range activities of the universities in education and creative scholarship. Thus an academic institution may well face a difficult decision with respect to acceptance of a defense project of large magnitude or special character or with respect to facilitating transfer of personnel to such a project in another institution.

It is the aim of the Science Advisory Committee to be helpful in every possible way to the universities as well as to government agencies in achieving the most effective use of the scientific talent of the nation for defense. In accordance with this aim, the Committee is willing to

give its opinion as to the wisdom of undertaking a defense research project of the type referred to in your resolution or of transferring a scientist to such a project when in the opinion of the institution such action might be expected to disrupt seriously a normal program of research and education. Other situations may arise, too, in which a university is confronted with more than one alternative for defense research when advice from the Committee might be helpful.

It is our understanding that the number of such projects currently under consideration is small and not likely greatly to increase. Thus it is hoped that the Committee would, with the cooperation of other government agencies, be able to undertake reviews of particular projects on request from academic institutions. Obviously the Committee, which is solely an advisory body, could not assume functions which are the responsibility of other government Departments, nor would it be practicable for the Committee to express its opinion on minor projects of which there are a great number. If, however, it should develop that there is need for review beyond that which the Committee is prepared to undertake, an endeavor will be made to find an appropriate mechanism for solving this problem.

In any case the services of the Committee and its members are available to all colleges and universities of the country in this matter which we regard as one of great importance.

If further discussion of this subject would be helpful, please be assured of my personal readiness and availability.

Sincerely yours,
OLIVER E. BUCKLEY, *Chairman*
Science Advisory Committee



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