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TRADE DEVELOPMENT  
PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

The President's Export Council is a federal advisory committee that advises the President on matters relating to export expansion, export promotion, and trade policies and programs. The Council acts as a liaison with the communities represented by its members and provides a forum for those communities on current and emerging problems and issues in the area of trade.

The Council was established by Executive Order in 1973 and was originally composed of only business executives. The Council was reconstructed in 1979, by Executive Order 12131, to include leaders of the business, labor, and agriculture communities; members of the Senate and the House of Representatives; the Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, Treasury, and State; the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and the U.S. Trade Representative.

The membership of the President's Export Council is designed to ensure that its recommendations represent a consensus of most segments of the economy. The high level of its members, and the fact that it reports to the President, make it the premier advisory committee on exports.

Each President appoints his own members, who usually serve for the duration of a Presidential term, or approximately four years.

Item 1. President's Export Council Program Files. These files include meeting files, subcommittee files, correspondence files, membership files, and mail logs. Meeting files are specific by day, month, and year. The other files are separated by year. All are filed chronologically by calendar year.

**Permanent.** Records are to be transferred to WNRC approximately four years (or one Presidential term) after a major reconstitution of the membership. Offer to NARA when 20 years old. Records in this accession already appraised as disposable under the General Records Schedule and approved NARA schedules, as well as duplicate, unidentifiable, fragmentary, unrelated, or non-archival material, may be destroyed during archival processing without further notification to the agency.

Item 2. President's Export Council Official Recommendations and Reports. These files include Council recommendations to the President, responses to recommendations, Council and subcommittee reports, reports to Congress on the status of the Council's previous year's recommendations, annual advisory committee reports, Executive Orders affecting the Council, and Council and sub-committee charters. These files are separated by calendar year and filed chronologically.

**Permanent**. Records are to be transferred to WNRC approximately 12 years (or three Presidential terms) after a major reconstitution of the membership. Offer to NARA when 20 years old.