By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the
laws of the United States of America, including the Federal Advisory Com-
mittee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) ("Act"), and section 301 of title
3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Establishment. (a) There is established in the Commerce Depart-
mant the "United States Advisory Council on the National Information Infra-
structure" ("Council"). The Council shall consist of not more than 25 mem-
bers to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce ("Secretary").

(b) The Secretary shall appoint from among the members of the Council
officials to serve as chairperson(s) or vice-chairperson(s) of the Council
as he shall deem appropriate.

Sec. 2. Functions. (a) The Council shall advise the Secretary on matters
related to the development of the National Information Infrastructure. The
National Information Infrastructure shall be the integration of hardware,
software, and skills that will make it easy and affordable to connect people
with each other, with computers, and with a vast array of services and
information resources.

(b) The Council shall advise the Secretary on a national strategy for
promoting the development of a National Information Infrastructure. Issues
that the Council may address include, but are not limited to:

(1) the appropriate roles of the private and public sectors in developing
the National Information Infrastructure;

(2) a vision for the evolution of the National Information Infrastructure
and its public and commercial applications;

(3) the impact of current and proposed regulatory regimes on the evolution
of the National Information Infrastructure;

(4) national strategies for maximizing the benefits of the National Informa-
tion Infrastructure, as measured by job creation, economic growth, in-
creased productivity, and enhanced quality of life;

(5) national strategies for developing and demonstrating applications in
areas such as electronic commerce, agile manufacturing, life-long learning,
health care, government services, and civic networking;

(6) national security, emergency preparedness, system security, and net-
work protection implications;

(7) national strategies for maximizing interconnection and inter-operability
of communications networks;

(8) international issues associated with the National Information Infrastruc-
ture;

(9) universal access; and

(10) privacy, security, and copyright issues.

(c) The chairperson(s) may, from time to time, invite experts to submit
information to the Council and may form subcommittees of the Council
to review specific issues.
Sec. 3. Administration. (a) The heads of executive agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide to the Council such information as it may require for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

(b) Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law, including 5 U.S.C. 5701-5707 and section 7(d) of the Act, for persons serving intermittently in government service.

(c) The Department of Commerce shall provide the Council with administrative services, facilities, staff, and other support services necessary for the performance of its functions.

Sec. 4. General. (a) Notwithstanding any other Executive order, the functions of the President under the Act that are applicable to the Council, except that of reporting to Congress, shall be performed by the Secretary in accordance with guidelines that have been issued by the Administrator of General Services.

(b) The Council shall exist for a period of two years from the date of this order, unless the Council’s charter is subsequently extended prior to the aforementioned date.

(c) Members of the Council and its subcommittee shall not be considered special government employees for any purpose or for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 201–203, 205, 207–209, and 218–219.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 15, 1993.

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