The National Committee for the Development of Scientists and Engineers was established by the President on April 3, 1956. The name of the Committee was changed to the President’s Committee on Scientists and Engineers on May 7, 1957. The President’s Committee, created as the result of recommendations of an earlier Special Interdepartmental Committee, took action in all appropriate ways to promote a substantial growth in the national supply of scientific and technological manpower. The Committee Chairman was Dr. Howard L. Bevis, President-emeritus of Ohio State University, and the Vice-Chairman was Dr. Eric Walker, President of Pennsylvania State University. The Committee was made up of representatives from major national organizations concerned with the education, training, and utilization of scientific and engineering personnel. The final report of the Committee was submitted to the President on December 17, 1958, and the Committee expired on December 31, 1958.

In a letter, dated April 3, 1956, to Dr. Bevis, President Eisenhower assigned these specific duties and objectives for the Committee:

(a) “Assist the Federal Government in identifying the problems associated with the development of more highly qualified scientists and engineers.

(b) “Enlist the cooperation of all interested individuals and groups in analyzing the problem and developing programs to deal with it, and to take the lead in coordination of interested organizations outside the Federal Government.

(c) “Make available to all interested organizations information on effective ways of overcoming the obstacles to the training of more qualified scientists and engineers.

(d) “Publicize the problem and possible solutions in order to stimulate widespread public understanding and support.

(e) “Provide the President, from time to time, with a report of progress.”

The records of the President’s Committee consist of correspondence, press releases, speeches, printed materials, vouchers, local-action kits, telegrams, programs, itineraries, minutes of
Committee meetings, progress reports to the President, and interoffice memoranda. The subject matter of these documents generally center around those which arouse public awareness of the problem, those which stimulate interest among potential scientists and engineers, those which probe new methods for teaching mathematics, science, and science related subjects, those which deal with the problem of the critical shortage of top-level science and mathematics teachers, and those which deal with the efforts of the Committee to work with national organizations and with local groups who were interested in increasing the number and improving the quality of scientists and engineers.
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