

7-4

- White House Office:
- A: President's advisors, most important is the Chief of Staff
- B: White House staff decides who and what gets through to the President

- Office of Management and Budget:
- A: Prepares the federal budget and monitors spending
- B: Budget is statement of president's goals and plans

- National Security Council:
 - A: Helps the president coordinate military and foreign policy
 - B: VP, Sec of State and Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff
 - C: CIA gathers info about governments of other nations
-
- Council of Economic Advisors:
 - A: Helps to carry out the role of economic leader
 - B: Gives president advice about complex economic matters

- Office of Administration:
- A: Administrative services to the executive department
- B: Fulfills the Freedom of Information Act requests

- Office of Homeland Security:
- A: Consolidates the nation's defenses against attack
- B: Has the directors of NSA, CIA, and FBI among others

- Constitution does not speak of a cabinet
- George Washington starts the cabinet
- Treasury: Alexander Hamilton
- State: Jefferson
- War: Knox
- Cabinet meets on the request of the President
- Some Presidents use them more than others

- VP: Very little authority
- VP: Joe Biden

- FL: Office is not mentioned in the Constitution
- FL: Usually given a task or project to help the President