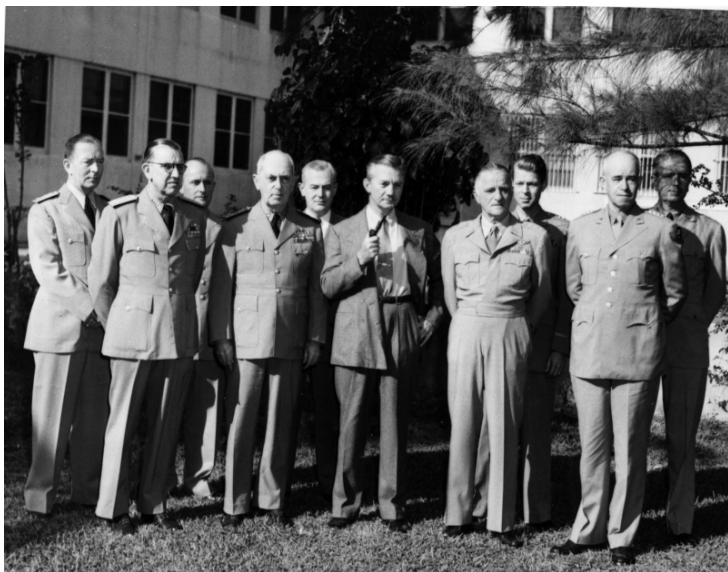


# Top officials of the National Military Establishment meet with James Forrestal in Key West, Florida



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## Description

Top officials of the National Military Establishment attend a special meeting to discuss military problems with Secretary of Defense James Forrestal at the Naval Base, Key West, Florida. Shown, from left to right, are: Vice Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Major General Alfred M. Gruenther, USA, Director, Joint Staff; Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, USN, Chief of Staff to the President; W. J. McNeil, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense; Secretary of Defense James Forrestal; General Carl Spaatz, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force; Lt. General Lauris Norstad, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Air Force; General Omar N. Bradley, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, USA, Director, Plans and Operations, Army General Staff.

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