Building a Single National Security Organization

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Far too often, we bring the national security debate down to the level of what airplanes to buy or which ships to build. Unfortunately such narrow focus is harmful to building a strong, vibrant and flexible national defense establishment. The time is right for bringing homeland security into the national security apparatus. Defending the homeland is first a Constitutional duty on the part of the national government. Having distinct security approaches is wasteful of resources and often leads to cross-purposes. We should have a single national security council that is inclusive of homeland security officials. As national security policy is no longer an off shore thing, we ought to be focused on dealing with threats that include non-state actors, whether those threats are found in the US or in some foreign country.

Our services and the men and women that wear those uniforms are the very best we have to offer. We should do all we can to ensure they have all they need to defend this nation. That includes our undying admiration. As a veteran, I continue to be amazed at just how good these young people are. Everytime we have a chance to post to a site like this, we should thank those young people that protect our right to do so. More later.