**Presidential Staff and Advisors**

I. The President of the United States- President is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the United States. He is the head of the entire executive branch.

II. White House Staff- Over 300 work in the West Wing of the W.H- advise the president.

a. Chief of Staff- Top advisor- heads W.H. staff- “co-president”

b. National Security Advisor- Advises on foreign affairs, daily security briefs.

c. Domestic Policy Advisor- Problems in the U.S.- economy, jobs, disasters, etc.

d. White House Counsel- Government lawyer. Answers legal questions

e. Legislative Affairs Director- Congress- getting the presidents bills passed.

f. Public Liaison- special interest groups. Meets & listens to concerns.

g. Press Secretary- Media- most visible position. On TV daily briefing the media.

h. Political Affairs Director- takes polls and writes speeches.

i. First Lady’s Staff- projects and travel. Represents the president. Pet projects.

III. Executive Office of the President- over 18000 others who work for the above advisors, next door.

IV. Cabinet- Leaders of Executive Departments.

IV. Miscellaneous Facts about the Presidency

a. Presidential Salary: $400,000

b. White House

1. 132 rooms on 18 acres. 6 butlers, 2 valets, 3 chefs, and nearly 80 other employees

2. Tennis courts, swimming pool, bowling alley, movie theatre, pool table, ping pong tables, doctors and nurses, florist, barber and beauty shop, dining hall for staff, and 13 limousines, 18 jets, many helicopters, and a mountain retreat called Camp David in nearby Maryland

3. President pays no rent, but must pay for family’s food