

## **EXCESSES DISCERNED IN DEFENSE REQUEST**

WASHINGTON, June 24 (UPI) —A group of former national security officials said Sunday that the Administration's defense budget request for the fiscal year 1974 could be cut by as much as \$14-billion without endangering the nation's security.

In a report, "Military Policy and Budget Priorities," the group said that with the Vietnam cease-fire and the 1972 Moscow arms agreements "we were entitled to expect a major reduction in the military budget for the fiscal year 1974 similar to massive reductions achieved upon termination of World War II and the Korean war."

"Even a conservative analysis shows that some \$14-billion can be saved from the Nixon proposal while fully preserving our national security and starting a return to a peacetime national budget."

The group, headed by former Assistant Defense Secretary Paul C. Warnke, included William S. Foster, former director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Roswell L. Gilpatric, former deputy secretary of defense; Herbert Scoville Jr., former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Townshend Hoopes, former undersecretary of the Air Force, and George B. Kistiakowsky, science adviser to President Eisenhower.