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MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS (C)

Following the National Security Council meeting of January 13, 1984 on United States policy concerning Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR), I have decided on the following:

- The Secretary of State is authorized to inform Foreign Secretary Gromyko that if the Soviet Union returns at an early date to the MBFR negotiations, and demonstrates significant flexibility in meeting our serious concerns about assuring effective verification, they will find us flexible regarding data.
- The Secretary of State is also authorized to indicate the substance of the above to the German and British Foreign Ministers, but not, at this point, to other allies, for further consideration at the forthcoming Trilateral Talks on MBFR.
- The Interagency Group on NATO Conventional Forces and Arms Control is directed to:
 - (a) assess such criteria and procedures as would assure effective verification at all stages of reductions and would thereby constitute significant Soviet flexibility in meeting our serious verification concerns;
 - (b) assess how the criteria and procedures in (a) above would provide us flexibility while assuring that the data base for all stages of reductions provides a sound basis for confidence in the implementation and monitoring of the reductions steps.
 - (c) assess the merits and feasibility of adapting the units of account proposals of the Department of Defense in considering (a) and (b) above.
- In order that the above assessments can form the basis of further policy guidance on consultations at the Trilateral Talks, the Interagency Group's work is to be submitted for review no later than January 26, 1984.

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