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NATIONAL SECURITY
DECISION NUMBER 324SPECIAL VERIFICATION COMMISSION (S)

The following instructions will govern: 1) the internal organization and operation of the U.S. Delegation to the Special Verification Commission (SVC); and 2) interagency support for the U.S. SVC Delegation. These instructions are fully consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Regarding Procedures for the Operation of the Special Verification Commission of December 20, 1988, pursuant to the provisions of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles of December 8, 1987. (S)

Organization and Operation of the U.S. SVC Delegation

- The U.S. Delegation to the SVC will consist of a Representative to the SVC designated by the President, a Deputy Representative, and a member from each of the principal participating agencies. (U)
- The U.S. Delegation will maintain a close and systematic relationship with the arms control policy and compliance process. In particular, the U.S. Representative to the SVC should be a participant in interagency deliberations on issues involving INF Treaty implementation, verification and compliance. (S)
- To assist the U.S. Representative in carrying on the work of the U.S. Delegation, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), in coordination with the U.S. Representative, will form an SVC office consisting of the U.S. Representative and Deputy Representative, an Executive Secretary, a Deputy Executive Secretary, and appropriate administrative and clerical support. (U)
- For the conduct of sessions of the SVC, a support staff will augment the U.S. Delegation to the SVC. This staff will be headed by the Executive Secretary. As appropriate, participating agencies will furnish members and advisors to the U.S. Delegation. (S)

- The U.S. Delegation to the SVC will carry out Presidential instructions under the general direction of the National Security Council, which will provide guidance on substantive matters. (S)

Interagency Support for the U.S. SVC Delegation

- To provide instructions to the U.S. Delegation to the SVC and guidance to appropriate agencies on INF Treaty implementation matters, an INF Treaty Steering Group is hereby established. The Steering Group will be chaired by a member of the National Security Council Staff designated by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and will incorporate representation from both the arms control policy and compliance communities. Compliance policy and analysis responsibilities, however, will remain as they currently exist in the Arms Control Verification Committee structure. The Director of the On-Site Inspection Agency, Director of the Nuclear Risk Reduction Center, and the U.S. Representative to the SVC will take part in Steering Group meetings. (S)
- ACDA will chair an interagency SVC Support Group that has both working and backstopping functions. The SVC Support Group is charged with overall responsibility for the work program in support of the SVC and for preparing guidance, drawing on this work. DOD will chair a working group on equipment and equipment-related procedures, and State will chair a working group on Allied and basing-country issues. These groups will be under the authority of the INF Treaty Steering Group, which will form other working groups as necessary to address specific areas so as to take advantage of agency expertise. (S)

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