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TO: The Secretary of the Treasury
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Secretary of the Interior
    The Deputy Secretary of State
    The Director of Central Intelligence
    The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
    The Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
    The Director, Federal Energy Office
    The Director, Office of Management and Budget
    The Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy

SUBJECT: International Energy Review Group

In view of the significance of recent changes in the international energy market, the President has directed the establishment of an International Energy Review Group (IERG), chaired by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The IERG will analyze the international implications of U.S. and foreign supply and demand in the field of energy and formulate policy recommendations to the President in the international energy area. Membership will consist of representatives of the addressees. Representatives of other agencies will be invited to participate as appropriate.

A Working Group of the IERG, chaired by the Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs, shall continuously review the international political and economic implications of the world energy situation and their linkages to U.S. foreign and domestic policies and programs. It will be responsible for directing the necessary policy analysis and for formulating policy recommendations to the IERG.

The IERG shall also establish a subcommittee on policy implementation and operations to be chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance. The subcommittee will be responsible for the implementation
of policy, including interdepartmental coordination, and the preparation of the U.S. positions on energy related matters for international meetings and conferences.

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    Special Representative for Trade Negotiations