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SOUTHWEST ASIA

Introduction

This National Security Study Directive establishes the guidelines for a review of U.S. strategy in the Near East and Southwest Asia. Revised policy guidelines are necessary which take into account recent regional diplomatic and world oil market developments as well as the negotiations US officials have conducted with regional officials since January 1981. These new guidelines should form a foundation not only for specific political decisions but also for procurement policies, arms transfers, and intelligence plans.

Scope

The NSSD will address at a minimum the following topics:

- US regional interests.
- US regional objectives (to be integrated with those established by NSSD 1-82). Including economic, political and security goals.
- Priority of US regional objectives.
- Assessment of the major threats to our interests stemming from intra- and extra-regional sources.
- Overall US strategy, both inside and outside the region, to address the threats, including:
 - economic strategy
 - political/diplomatic strategy
 - military strategy
 - intelligence strategems

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- Priority initiatives which should be undertaken to support the overall strategy.

- US public or declaratory policy.

Administration

The study shall be conducted by an interdepartmental group comprised of representatives of the Departments of State, Treasury, Defense, Energy, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The scheduling and management of the study shall be the responsibility of the NSC Staff. All meetings will be held in the White House complex and will be chaired by appropriate agencies according to the subject matter to be considered.

Ronald Reagan

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