National Security Study Memorandum II

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Acting Administrator of AID

SUBJECT: Nigeria/Biafra Relief

The President has directed the preparation of two papers on the Nigerian civil war. One paper should consider the full range of alternative U.S. approaches and programs aimed at expediting and enlarging urgently the flow of relief to Biafra. This paper should include consideration of coordination, cost, timing and availability of resources.

The second paper should consider alternative views of U.S. interest in Nigeria and Biafra, the full range of basic policy choices open to the U.S., and the political consequences of alternative approaches to relief described in the first paper.

The President has directed that the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Africa perform this study.

Both papers should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by February 4.

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cc: The Chairman, JCS

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