National Security Study Memorandum 28

TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
    The Director of Central Intelligence
    The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
    The President's Science Adviser

SUBJECT: Preparation of U.S. Position for Possible Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

The President has directed the preparation of a U.S. position for possible strategic arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union.

Alternative options that should be considered in preparing the U.S. position will be developed by a steering committee under the chairmanship of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and including representatives of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and the President's Science Adviser.

The options should be accompanied by an evaluation of the strategic balance that will result, as well as a discussion of possible Soviet reactions to each and likely U.S. responses. A statement of principles and objectives should be developed for each option, together with proposed tactics for its use in relation to the proposal.

The study should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by May 15, 1969.

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