Presidential Directive/NSC-23

TO: The Vice President
    The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Director, Arms Control and
       Disarmament Agency
       The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
       The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Standing Consultative Commission (U)

The following guidance will govern the internal organization and operation
of the U.S. Component of the Standing Consultative Commission
established by the Memorandum of Understanding Between the USA
and the USSR of December 21, 1972 pursuant to the provisions of the
ABM Treaty and the Interim Agreement of May 26, 1972:

A. The U.S. Component of the Commission will consist of a
   Commissioner and a Deputy Commissioner designated by the President
   upon recommendation of the addresses.

B. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner will not serve on
   the SALT Delegation, but will maintain close and systematic liaison
   with that Delegation and with the planning and policy process for SALT.

C. To assist the Commissioner in carrying on the work of the U.S.
   Component a Secretariat will be formed, consisting of an Executive
   Secretary and a Deputy Executive Secretary appointed upon coordination
   among the addresses. The agency of residence of the Commissioner
   will provide administrative support to the Secretariat as appropriate.
   For the conduct of bilateral sessions of the Commission, an advisory
   and support staff will augment the Secretariat. This staff will be headed

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by the Executive Secretary and will include advisors to the U.S. Commissioner and support personnel assigned by the addressees.

D. The U.S. Component of the Commission will carry out Presidential instructions under the general direction of the NSC Special Coordination Committee, which will provide guidance on substantive matters.

E. NSDM-198 of November 18, 1972 is hereby rescinded.

Zhigniew Brzezinski

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