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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC 2

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: SALT

The President has directed that the Special Coordination Committee undertake a review of the SALT negotiations.

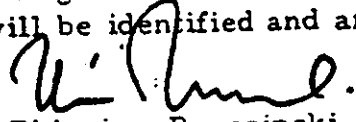
The initial stage of the review should include:

1. An analysis of the major SALT issues, including: (1) concise summaries of the individual issues and (2) more detailed analytical background papers on these issues if such are not currently available. The initial effort in this regard should focus on the following issues: cruise missiles, Backfire, mobile ICBM's, MIRV verification, reductions, telemetry encryption, non-circumvention/non-transfer, and ICBM vulnerability.
2. A description of the major strategic policy issues which bear on the SALT negotiations.
3. The impact of Defense programs and pending budget decisions on SALT.

This initial review should be completed by January 28.

In the next stage of the review, alternative general approaches which the U.S. could propose at this stage of the negotiations, including alternatives for long-range approaches, will be identified and analyzed.

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