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- The United States Representative to the United Nations
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SUBJECT: South Africa and Rhodesian Negotiations

The President has directed that the Policy Review Committee, under the chairmanship of the Department of State, undertake a review of U.S. policy toward Rhodesia, South Africa and Namibia.

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1. Review the current status of the Rhodesian and Namibian negotiations, including the negotiating positions and indigenous public support for all participants. The positions of the Front-Line states, and other African and non-African governments involved, should be included.
2. Review current U.S. policy toward these negotiations and identify policy options for future U.S. roles in the area, including timing of the negotiations, and the effects of different U.S. policies on our relations with other black African states.
3. Review U.S. policy toward South Africa, and analyze options for future U.S. posture toward that nation, in light of different possible U.S. roles in the Rhodesian and Namibian negotiations.
4. Assess the effects of U.S. policies in Southern Africa on the U.S. position in the United Nations and other North-South forums.
5. Assess the possibilities of the repeal of the Byrd amendment by Congress this year and the effects of repeal or non-repeal on the status of the Rhodesian conflict and on U.S. relations with African states.

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6. Examine likely reactions by Congress and the American public to various U.S. options.

The review should be no longer than 30 pages. It should be completed by January 31, in time for consideration by the Policy Review Committee immediately thereafter.

The President has further directed that a comprehensive, long-term review of Southern Africa be undertaken by the Policy Review Committee. The review will be due in the spring and a follow-on tasking memorandum will be forthcoming.



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