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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC 26

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: ABM Treaty Review (U)

The President has directed that the Special Coordination Committee undertake a review of those issues related to the ABM Treaty review that is scheduled to commence this fall.

This review should include an analysis of issues that might be raised in the course of the treaty review by the United States or the Soviet Union including:

1. The record of compliance under the treaty;
2. Provisions of the treaty that our experience indicates may require clarification;
3. Advances in ABM-related technologies and their bearing on the viability of the treaty; and
4. Possible revisions to the treaty.

This review should be completed by August 1, 1977.

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In addition, a separate paper should address the question of the appropriate forum in which to conduct the review. The alternatives which should be considered are: (1) an independent ABM Treaty Review conference, and (2) the SALT Standing Consultative Commission. This paper should be completed by June 1.



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