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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC- 37

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

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

SUBJECT: Chemical Weapons (X)

The President has directed that the Special Coordination Committee undertake a review of the United States chemical weapons (CW) posture incorporating information acquired over the past year and covering the following:

1. An update on the CW threat, U.S. protective posture and U.S. retaliatory capability.
2. An assessment of the current bilateral negotiations with the USSR aimed at the preparation of a joint CW initiative for presentation to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament (CCD) including:
 - Key elements on which some degree of agreement has been reached with the USSR.
 - Key elements on which agreement has not been reached, and possible approaches for resolution.
 - Prospects for agreement on a joint initiative consistent with the current U.S. negotiating instructions.

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- Consideration of extent of implementation of past decrease regarding U.S. CW stocks.
3. In light of the assessment per Paragraph 2, a review of the PD-15 decision "that U.S. chemical warfare forces be maintained without force improvement" including a discussion of possible steps to modernize or restructure the U.S. CW posture.

The review should be completed by July 14, 1978.



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