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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC-6

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: Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks

The President has directed that the Special Coordination Committee undertake a review of our interests, objectives, and approach to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction talks. The review should:

1. Review key developments in the negotiations to date, summarizing the current positions of the two sides and analyzing the principal areas of disagreement.
2. Analyze current political, military, and diplomatic factors as they affect the talks.
 - a. Defense/CIA should provide a description (both quantitative and qualitative) of the military postures of the two sides.
 - b. State should provide an assessment of the attitudes of our Western allies toward the talks themselves and toward the prospect of U. S. /Soviet troop cuts (including particularly the views of the FRG and the evolving French attitude toward MBFR).

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c. CIA should provide an analysis of Soviet objectives and strategy in the talks, as well as the attitude of the East European countries.

3. Review and analyze our current interests and objectives in MBFR.

The review should be no longer than 20 pages and should be completed by January 31 for review by the Special Coordination Committee.

A review of major policy options for achieving U.S. objectives in the context of our overall European policy will be undertaken at a later date.



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