January 26, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Nuclear Proliferation; Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC 15

The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff was inadvertently omitted from the list of addressees of PRM/NSC 15. A copy is attached.

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

cc: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director, Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency
The Administrator, Energy Research and
Development Administration
The Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Assistant to the President for Energy Policy
Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC 15

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
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SUBJECT: Nuclear Proliferation (U)

The President has directed that the Policy Review Committee, under the chairmanship of the Department of State, undertake a thorough review of U.S. policy concerning nuclear proliferation. The review should develop policy options for the United States -- both near and long term -- for achieving its non-proliferation goals. The review should:

1. Assess the current status of U.S. nuclear fuel assurance policies, reprocessing policy including alternatives to reprocessing, and possibilities for the handling and disposal of nuclear wastes.

2. Review the decisions announced by President Ford in the statement of October 28, and identify the policy options required to implement those decisions.

3. Provide a review of the current status of major ongoing negotiations with and among foreign nations concerning proliferation.

4. Assess options for formal and informal international coordination of incentives, controls and sanctions throughout the nuclear fuel cycle in order to limit nuclear proliferation.

5. Analyze the strengths and liabilities of bilateral negotiations, the London Suppliers Group, and the IAEA, as institutions for implementing U.S. non-proliferation goals.
6. Identify current U.S. nuclear export requirements, and examine what new requirements might be applied to current and future export agreements, and what measures must be taken to insure U.S. credibility as a nuclear supplier state.

7. Review current estimates of energy demand outside the United States, and assess the potential of non-nuclear alternatives to meet those needs.

8. Review congressional initiatives and suggest strategies for coordination of executive and legislative branch policies concerning nuclear export and non-proliferation.

The review should be completed by February 28, 1977.

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