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

   ALSO: The Secretary of the Treasury
          The Attorney General
          The Secretary of Labor
          The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
          The Director, Office of Management and Budget
          The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
          The Director of Central Intelligence
          The Postmaster General
          The Director, ACTION
          The Director-Designate, Selective Service System
          The Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: President's Plan for Selective Service System Reform (U)

The President has directed that the Policy Review Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Office of Management and Budget, undertake such studies and deliberations as are necessary to develop a broad Presidential Plan for Selective Service System Reform as will be called for in the 1980 Defense Authorization Act. The final plan should be prepared for transmission by the President to the Congress on January 15, 1980.

The plan should address the following ten issues:

-- resuming registration under present law;

-- automatically registering persons using existing records and a centralized computer;

-- timing of classification and examination of registrants;
improvements necessary in SSS operations and organization so as to make it capable of meeting DOD requirements;

changes appropriate in law relating to registration, classification, selection and induction;

desirability of extending authority to the President to induct persons into the Armed Forces, at his discretion;

registration and/or induction of women;

desirability of extending authority to the President to induct persons into the Individual Ready Reserves;

other options that would enable the Armed Forces to meet their personnel requirements; and

desirability of establishing a national youth service program, in the interests of preserving discipline and morale in the Armed Forces.

The Director, Office of Management and Budget, will provide information on agency participation and processes to accomplish the preparation of the Plan.

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