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National Security Study  
Directive Number 3-82

U.S. POLICY AND NEGOTIATING POSITION  
FOR THE STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTIONS TALKS

Introduction

This National Security Study Directive establishes the Terms of Reference for completing the review of U.S. policy and the development of a negotiating position for the Strategic Arms Reductions Talks (START).

Objective of Review

To produce a National Security Decision Directive (NSDD),  
Subject: U.S. Policy and Negotiating Position for the Strategic Arms Reductions Talks, for consideration by the National Security Council.

Scope

The review will result in a report for National Security Council consideration, which will include, as a minimum, the following topics:

- U.S. interests and objectives in entering into these negotiations.
- U.S. objectives within the negotiations.
- Factors that may constrain U.S. options within negotiations.
- Criteria appropriate for evaluating alternative U.S. approaches in terms of U.S. interests and objectives.
- Issues requiring resolution to develop an integrated U.S. approach to negotiations.
- Evaluation of the alternative solutions for each issue and recommendations with respect to the alternatives.

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- Integration of the resolution of the individual issues into a single, comprehensive U.S. approach, or alternative comprehensive approaches, for NSC consideration.
- Assessment of the comprehensive approach(es) in terms of U.S. interests and objectives.
- U.S. negotiating position and strategies to implement the U.S. comprehensive approach(es).

This study will establish U.S. policy, the U.S. negotiating position, and U.S. strategies for the Strategic Arms Reductions Talks.

Administration

Management of the NSSD 3-82 review will be the responsibility of the existing START Interdepartmental Group, which should draw upon the significant work it has already completed. A timetable for the completion of work remaining is provided at attachment. The Interdepartmental Group will report its findings for National Security Council consideration not later than May 1, 1982. Resulting National Security Council decisions will be incorporated into a National Security Decision Directive (NSDD).

Any approach or alternative approaches recommended to the National Security Council should, as a minimum, permit the U.S. to develop and possess sufficient military capability relative to that allowed to the Soviet Union to execute U.S. national military strategy with reasonable assurance of success. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will submit their timely assessments of the approach(es) in terms of this criterion to the Interdepartmental Group for use in developing the proposed U.S. position, and will certify to the military sufficiency of each approach as part of the report submitted to the National Security Council.

Dissemination of this NSSD, subsequent study material, and the resulting NSDD will be handled on a strict need-to-know basis.

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TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF START ANALYSIS

A. Analysis of Issues

1. Non-Quantitative Analysis

- Monitoring Capabilities (Intelligence Community)
- Verification (ACDA)
- Treaty Duration (ACDA)
- Military/Operational Characteristics (ACDA)
- Other Issues (e.g., mobile, refires)

- a) First drafts 3/3
- b) Revised drafts 3/10
- c) Completion & IG Review Week of 3/22
- d) Executive Summary Week of 3/29

2. Analysis of Political Presentation

- Negotiating Position and Strategy/ Public Management (State/ACDA)
- Soviet Approaches/Public Management (State/CIA)
- Alliance Considerations (State)

- a) First drafts 3/3
- b) Revised drafts 3/10
- c) Completion & IG Review Week of 3/29
- d) Executive Summary Week of 4/5

3. Completion of Quantitative Analysis (DOD/Technical Analysis Sub-Group)

- Development of Illustrative Force Structures
- Dynamic Analysis of Alternative Packages

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| a) Completion of Report                                      | Week of 4/12 |
| b) IG Review   | Week of 4/19 |
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| B. <u>Policy Integration and Preparation of Final Report</u> |              |
| 1. Approval of Recommendations/Options                       | Week of 4/19 |
| 2. Approval of Executive Summary                             | Week of 4/26 |
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| C. <u>Policy Review and Conclusions</u>                      |              |
| 1. SIG Discussion and Approval of Recommendations            | Week of 4/30 |
| 2. Submission to NSC   | Week of 4/30 |
| 3. NSC Review and Decision                                   | Week of 5/3  |
| 4. Additional NSC Meetings (if necessary)                    | Week of 5/10 |

Working Group and IG meetings will be held periodically and as required during this entire period.

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- Priority initiatives which should be undertaken to support the overall strategy.

- US public or declaratory policy.

Administration

The study shall be conducted by an interdepartmental group comprised of representatives of the Departments of State, Treasury, Defense, Energy, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The scheduling and management of the study shall be the responsibility of the NSC Staff. All meetings will be held in the White House complex and will be chaired by appropriate agencies according to the subject matter to be considered.

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