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ORGANIZING FOR THE INF RATIFICATION EFFORT ~~(S)~~

To prepare for the upcoming Senate consideration of the INF Treaty and to manage and coordinate our efforts in support of the Treaty, this directive establishes an organizational mechanism for coordinating all activities of the Executive Branch. ~~(S)~~

Ratification Hearings Preparation

Under the direction of my Chief of Staff and my Assistant for National Security Affairs, the INF Ratification Strategy and Coordinating Group (SCG), co-chaired by Assistant to the President for Operations Rhett B. Dawson and Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs John D. Negroponte, will coordinate the entire range of efforts required for obtaining in a timely manner the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification of the INF Treaty. The SCG will include senior representatives from the Executive Office of the President and from other Executive departments and agencies as appropriate. The Office of White House Operations will serve as the Executive Directorate of the SCG. ~~(S)~~

The Legislative Strategy Group, established by memorandum from former National Security Advisor Frank Carlucci, will continue to meet under the chairmanship of Will Ball, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. A.B. Culvahouse, Counsel to the President, will chair a Legal Task Force to address legal questions arising in connection with Senate consideration of the Treaty. Finally, the National Security Council Arms Control Directorate, under Special Assistant to the President Robert E. Linhard, will provide support to the SCG as necessary drawing upon existing interagency arms control groups. ~~(S)~~

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Executive departments and agencies are requested to submit to the National Security Advisor on a timely basis for advance clearance all testimony, briefings, reports, senior-level public remarks, publications and diplomatic actions that could have a bearing on the INF ratification process. Such requests for clearance should be submitted by Executive Secretaries and should be fully coordinated in advance with other concerned departments and agencies. ~~X~~

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