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SERIES: NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY DIRECTIVES

As part of managing the national security policy for the Reagan administration, Senior Interagency Groups, members of the National Security Council staff or the Advisor to the President for National Security could call for a policy study on significant security issues. The President would then issue a National Security Study Directive (NSSDs) calling for these policy studies. Each NSSD would contain a definition of the problem; a statement of the President’s policy goal; questions to be answered by the policy study; and responsibilities for creating the study and possible due dates.

The resulting study was used as the framework for United States national security policy. The President would enact this policy in National Security Decision Directives (NSDDs).

Our records mostly contain drafts and action plans and background memos regarding the creation of specific NSSDs as defined above. Folders for each individual NSSD may or may not contain the resulting policy study. To see if the Library has the resulting policy study for research use, please consult your archivist.

The NSC has declassified in full and in part many of these NSSDs. The declassified and partially declassified copies of these NSSDs are kept in the Library’s Research Room in numerical order:

Box 91277
NSSD 1-82 [U.S. National Security Strategy] (1)-(8)
NSSD 2-82 [Detecting and Countering the Foreign Intelligence Threat to the US] (1)(2)
NSSD 3-82
NSSD 4-82 [U.S. Strategy for the Near East and Southwest Asia]

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NSSD 5-82
NSSD 6-82
NSSD 7-82

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NSSD 9-82 I
NSSD 9-82 II
NSSD 10-82
**NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (1)-(8)**
NSSD 12-82

Box 91279
**NSSD 13-82 [National Space Strategy] (1)-(20)**
**NSSD 14-82 [Scientific Communication and National Security]**
**NSSD 1-83 [US Technology Transfer Policy]**
**NSSD 2-83 [US International Information Policy] (1)-(8)**
NSSD 3-83
NSSD 4-83
NSSD 5-83
NSSD 6-83

Box 91280
**NSSD 1-84 [U.S. Third World Hunger Relief] (1)-(3)**
NSSD 2-84
NSSD 3-84
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NSSD 8-84
NSSD 1-85
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NSSD 5-85
**NSSD 6-85 [Space Policy]**
NSSD 7-85
NSSD 8-85
NSSD 1-86
NSSD 2-86
**NSSD 3-86 [Support for Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa] (1)(2)**
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