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Record Type

Textual

Scope and Content Note

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.

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Status	Title	
OPEN	NSSD 1-82 [U.S. National Security Strategy] (1)-(8)	
OPEN	NSSD 2-82 [Detecting and Countering the Foreign Intelligence Threat to the US] (1)(2)	
CLOSED	NSSD 3-82	
OPEN	NSSD 4-82 [U.S. Strategy for the Near East and Southwest Asia]	
CLOSED	NSSD 5-82	
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CLOSED	NSSD 9-82 I
CLOSED	NSSD 9-82 II
CLOSED	NSSD 10-82
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (5)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (6)

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OPEN NSSD 13-82 [National Space Strategy] (1)-(20)

OPEN NSSD 14-82 [Scientific Communication and National

NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (7)

NSSD 11-82 US Policy Toward the Soviet Union (8)

Security]

OPEN NSSD 1-83 [US Technology Transfer Policy]

OPEN NSSD 2-83 [US International Information Policy] (1)-(8)

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CLOSED	NSSD 1-85	
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