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Introduction

In National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 266, I directed that the recommendations of the President's Special Review Board, including the model for the National Security Council (NSC) system, be implemented in full. To that end, I chartered a review of the structure of senior interagency groups and regional and functional interagency groups established pursuant to, or under the authority of, presidential Rectives or applicable memoranda. Is review we designed to identify such changes in the intergency process as mich be necessary or desirable to realize filly and prompty. In ractice the Special Review Boards a recommendation of the the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (the "National Security Affairs (the "National Security Affairs (the "National Security Affairs (the "SC. The resent irective reflects changes in the interagency process I have althorized as a result of that review (C

Interagency Groups

Interagency groups can provide an effective medium for the development of advice and policy for consideration by the President. They achieve their goal when they provide thorough and clear analyses of all policy choices, coordinate policy implementation, and review policy in light of experience. (U)

NSDD 2, dated January 12, 1982, established the senior interagency structure. It created three functional senior interagency groups (SIGs) — one on icy, chaired by the Secretary of State: e on defense policy, chaired by the Secretary of Defense; no one on intelligence olicy, chaired by the Director of Contra Intelligence olicy, chaired by and memoranda established some 22 additional SIGs and 55 interagency group (ICs), including ertain grups chaired by the National Section Adv sor or mem for the NSC staff. IGs

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in turn typically have established working groups and task forces to assist in and upport, their (C)

After five years experience, a review the interagency process was due, even without the impetus of the Special Review Board's report. This review revealed that many interagency groups, although formuly established have of let or ceased to meet when the circumstances that a ught ther into being changed; and that new interagency roups have one into being to deal with contingencies as they we arise. As the Special Review Board noted, the groups have every case, served the goal of effective policy deliberation. (C)

To improve the interagency process at large, and to implement the Special Review Board's recommendations, I therefore am directing or authorizing the following:

- 1. National Security Council. As specified in NSDD 266, the NSC shall be the principal forum for consideration of national security issues requiring preside tial decision. The unctions of, and participal ts in, the SC shall be as set forth in the attinual Security A 947, as amended, and ASDD 266. The IC all meet at the direction the resident.
- 2. National Seed ty Planning Group (NS G) hall be a committee of the NSC. The Preside to the Vice President, the Secretary of the te, we Scretary of Defense, the Atorney General Security disor, the Chief of Safe to the President of the Director of Central Interrigence, the Charach of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall attend NSPG meetings. The NSPG shall meet, as circumstances warrant, to monitor and review the development and implementation of national security policy on behalf of the NSC. The responsibilities of the NSPG with regard to covert action shall be as provided in a separate presidential Directive revising NSDD 159

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Affairs (the "Depu y National Securit, Advisor")
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Disarmament Agency the head of other Executive
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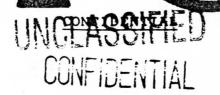
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Security Advisor acting at my direction, to attend NSPG meetings as matters on the agenda of such meetings shall dictate.

- 3. Senior Review Group. A senior Review Group (SRG) shall be the Cabinet level interagency group for the confideration of national security issues. The RG shall be confised of the National Security Advisor, the setar of State, the Seretiry of Detense, the Clef of Staff to the resident, the irrector of Central Intelligence, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The National Security Advisor shall invite the attendance of heads of such other Executive departments or agencies, and of such senior officials within the Executive Office of the President, as matters on the agenda of SRG meetings shall dictate. The National Security Advisor shall chair the SRG, which shall meet at his request or the request of its standing members, to review, coordinal into the implementation, national security policy on behalf of the NSC.
- Group (Bis) shall be the senior sub-Cainet level interage cy from the PRG is the comprised of the Deputy actional Security Adviso, a representative of the Office of the Vice President, and an Under or Asistan Secretary or other senior official of each lear ray of the Department of State, the spartment of Defense, the Central late ligence Alancy, the rganization of the Jointage of Staff, and rice of Management and Budget, and, as matters on the agenda of the PRG dictate, of the Executive Office of the President and other interested Executive departments and agencies. The Deputy National Security Advisor shall chair the PRG, which shall meet regularly at his request or the request of its standing members. The PRG's primary responsibility shall be to review and make recommendations concerning a late interagency including such senior interagency groups and regional and functional interagency groups and regional and functional interagency groups as man hereafter be formed of authorized to confine in eastence as provided in brace and the control of the previously energial by the Crisis re-lanning Group and those escribed in NDD D and previously energial by the Crisis re-lanning Group and those escribed in NSDD 27 as a previously energial and the Planning and Coordination



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Group (PCG), as provided in a separate presidential Directive revising NSDD-159, shall continue to be the senior sub-Cabinet level interagency group responsible for covery action.

Matters considered and recommendations for follow-on action made by the PRG shall be referred to responsible Executive departments and agencies. Recommendations made by the PRG shall be submitted for consideration by the SRG, NSPG, or NSC, as appropriate.

5. Other Interagency Groups. Within their respective areas of authority as set forth in NSDD 266, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Director of the United States Information Agency may approve the continuation of existing senior interagency groups and regional or functional interagency groups to the extent necessary of desirable to promote an effective NSC process, by June 30, 1987, the National Security Advisor shall be notified of those interagency groups they have determined shall continue to function.

The National Security Advisor is authorized to approve or direct the formal establishment of additional senior interagency groups to the extent required for an effective NSC process, and to approve the continuation of such existing senior interagency groups as may be chaired by members of the NSC staff.

NSDD 2 and other presidential Directives and applicable memoranda, to the extent inconsistent with this Directive or with NSDD 266, are rescinded. (C)

