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Presidential Directive / NSC-23

TO:           The Vice President  
              The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense

ALSO:   The Director, Arms Control and  
          Disarmament Agency  
          The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
          The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:   Standing Consultative Commission (U)

The following guidance will govern the internal organization and operation of the U. S. Component of the Standing Consultative Commission established by the Memorandum of Understanding Between the USA and the USSR of December 21, 1972 pursuant to the provisions of the ABM Treaty and the Interim Agreement of May 26, 1972:

A. The U. S. Component of the Commission will consist of a Commissioner and a Deputy Commissioner designated by the President upon recommendation of the addressees.

B. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner will not serve on the SALT Delegation, but will maintain close and systematic liaison with that Delegation and with the planning and policy process for SALT.

C. To assist the Commissioner in carrying on the work of the U. S. Component a Secretariat will be formed, consisting of an Executive Secretary and a Deputy Executive Secretary appointed upon coordination among the addressees. The agency of residence of the Commissioner will provide administrative support to the Secretariat as appropriate. For the conduct of bilateral sessions of the Commission, an advisory and support staff will augment the Secretariat. This staff will be headed

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by the Executive Secretary and will include advisors to the U. S. Commissioner and support personnel assigned by the addressees.

D. The U. S. Component of the Commission will carry out Presidential instructions under the general direction of the NSC Special Coordination Committee, which will provide guidance on substantive matters.

E. NSDM-198 of November 18, 1972 is hereby rescinded.



Zbigniew Brzezinski

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