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Agency of primary interest.**

**Please review for your agency's equities and
obtain any necessary concurrences.**

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Memo No. 1034-79

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift |S/

SUBJECT: PEADs (U)

With reference to the attached memo from Hugh Carter, we have been involved in the staffing of these interim PEADs and in fact have identical copies for your football. Mike Berman has coordinated his views with our own and they were included in Hugh's own review process. (S)

Presidential Action Directives have three primary objectives as you will remember from your earlier briefings. The first is to insure continuity of government and order; the second is to support military operations and military alliances; and the third is to provide for the recovery of the nation and its people by the most effective use of resources. (S)

The PEADs have not been changed since 1970 and there are a few areas in which updates are needed. Our new treaty on the Panama Canal modifies presently existing directives concerning that area, and the various transformations of the emergency resources business within the government (i.e., Office of Emergency Preparedness, Federal Preparedness Agency, Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, etc.) require modification of terms in the directives effecting emergency mobilization. The War Powers Act also requires a more structured relationship with the Congress -- which has been provided for in these interim documents. (S)

There are several issues such as suspension of Habeas Corpus, extra legalities involving non-U.S. persons within the U.S. under war conditions, etc. which require review. These are being studied in some detail by the Federal Preparedness Agency under the guidance of a White House

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steering group convened by Hugh Carter and which includes the NSC and OSTP. This examination should be completed this year and any changes of significance resulting from FPA's work will be staffed within the White House. (S)

We agree with Hugh's approach in that there are several issues inherent in these documents which need to be reexamined and we intend to remain involved as this reexamination is carried out. (S)

Attached for your signature is a brief memo to Hugh explaining that your staff has been fully involved at this point and that you agree with his approach. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR HUGH CARTER, ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: The Vice President

SUBJECT: PEADs (U)

With reference to the President's comments on the attached memo, both Denis Clift and Mike Berman of my staff have been involved in this process. I agree that the interim PEADs the President and I now have seem to be the best way to solve the immediate update problem. (S)

I would like also to be kept abreast through my staff of the more comprehensive reexamination contemplated by the EPA and am available to discuss with you any significant changes which may be suggested. (S)

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