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December 11, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. RALPH C. BLEDSOE Executive Secretary

Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT:

National System for Emergency Coordination

We have reviewed the latest draft of the subject concept paper, and agree that it provides for dramatic improvement in coordinating the Federal Government response to extreme domestic emergencies.

The points raised in our November 20, 1987 memorandum of the same subject continue to apply, although we appreciate your inclusion of the reference to use of existing information and situation management systems. We still recommend establishment of an interagency group to analyze emergency situations, review response options, and make recommendations concerning NSEC activation and other issues. Not establishing a group now would postpone such a determination until an emergency occurred, thus risking loss of valuable time.

We look forward to working with you in preparing detailed procedures pertaining to the National System for Emergency Coordination.

> Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary.

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