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coordinate inter-ag (low-key)

request for study?

Pres involvement?

POTUS desire to accept NSC rec reduction in strategic

leave has briefed SASC + HASC

Block in DOD authorization, 1-yr. prohibition on
change goals.

Study addressed to McFarlane. Engage probably Proposals
Board (NSC entities)

Study done in as expeditious input, each component
circulated for ag comments. Leave shared
inter-ag groups.

232 Trade case prompted POTUS review of first
half of study. 2 rounds of Secretary
comments.

Hold staffers across the study for review w/notes.

Barbara Perennial

study release - test stuff

Thygesen to call on GC's, NSC to report to CAD
After study + briefing.

1. Thygesen to call on to coord
2. All review study, by release to staff + GAO,
to look at.

→ memo to RAH on outcome.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Stockpile

Attached is the decision memorandum for the President on the stockpile reduction decision, and the NSDD implementing that decision. You wanted to look at this before NSC proceeded to permit GAO and Hill staffers to review the technical study that formed the basis for the NSC recommendation. You were particularly interested in the nature of internal agency objections to the study. Those are best discerned by reviewing Tab B of the decision memorandum.

NSC would like to conduct a briefing for GAO and Hill staffers, at which they will be permitted to review the technical study, on September 10.

Attachment

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*You wanted you to
I know that this
meeting is scheduled
for tomorrow in the
event you want to
try to stop.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1985

*JR - get paper to P +
reviewer - is there a
problem? Need concrete
response from USG, but
need to know validity of
NSC doc.
9/4*

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING
RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Stockpile Planning Study

As the result of a recent inter-agency review of National Defense Stockpile needs chaired by NSC, the President advised Congress of his decision to reduce dramatically the stockpile goals. Pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 98 et seq., the President is authorized to determine the need for and maintain a stockpile of materials needed to sustain the national defense in the event of a three-year war. In 1979, the previous Administration calculated that some \$17 billion worth of materials needed to be stockpiled for this purpose, of which some \$7 billion was already on hand. The NSC study recommended, and the President agreed, to reduce the stockpile goal to \$700 million, while retaining some \$6 billion worth of materials already owned by the Government. The net result was to deprive the pertinent Hill committees of \$10 billion worth of political clout, which prompted a GAO inquiry, riders on various bills to preclude the revision, and Hill inquiries for the documents on which the President based his decision.

NSC would like to provide GAO investigators and Hill staff access to the NSC Stockpile Goals Study, a voluminous, highly-technical study that formed the basis for the NSC recommendation to the President and the President's decision. NSC believes the study supports the decision, and some persuading of people on the Hill is necessary to remove the preclusive riders. I have looked at the study and see no reason to object to granting access to it to GAO and Hill staff with appropriate clearances (secret). It is factual rather than evaluative, and as such does not raise serious privilege concerns. *why?*

The privilege questions that are likely to arise concern agency comments on the NSC study and the stockpile reduction decision. GAO has asked for information on individual agency views. NSC has contacted all the affected general counsels, and told them NSC would provide the response for all. It is hoped that providing access to the study referred to above might quiet GAO interest in more sensitive,

policy evaluative documents. If not, we will have to consider protecting such documents from disclosure. I will keep you advised.

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Comments: JGR Bob Pearson (NSC) will call you next week concerning this matter

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REMARKS

Attached is a copy of a letter OMB received yesterday from GAO on the Stockpile Planning Study.

Our concerns are raised by the second sentence, in which GAO states that it will seek to compile the views of the individual agencies.

NSC received an identical letter yesterday.

The Committee staff and GAO are trying to arrange an initial session with DMB and NSC staff for the week (over)
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT
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AUG 21 1985

The Honorable Joseph R. Wright, Jr.
Acting Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Room 249
Old Executive Office Building

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the request of the Chairman for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Chairman, Subcommittee on Seapower and Strategic and Critical Materials, House Armed Services Committee, we are undertaking an evaluation of the methodology and planning factors used in a recent interagency study on stockpile planning. The Chairmen have also asked that we compile the individual views of each federal department or agency providing input or comments to the study. Work on this assignment will be performed by our National Security and International Affairs Division under assignment code 391553.

We would appreciate a point of contact being established in your agency as soon as possible so that we can meet to determine the specific time frames of our visit, and begin our efforts in the immediate future.

Please contact Mr. Uldis Adamsons (275-5140) or Mr. Roger Peet (275-8904) if you have any questions. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. J. Anderson".

William J. Anderson
Director