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STASER:

Brent and I talked about having an NSC study on the strategic area as a way of getting an NSC blessing on the B-1 decision at the appropriate time. He suggested a B-1 study by NSC. I said, I didn't think the President ought to get into procurement decisions and he said, well, structure the study on the basis of standoff versus penetration--the Brookings issue. I said, that's not a bad idea. I said, my preference would be to go ahead and look at the whole question of strategic which we have to do anyway in terms of whether we want to deploy the Minuteman III and those other decisions. Why not do that. He said, he would prefer to do that too. If you start on too narrow a subject you end up with a narrower mickey mousing around with those things. So let's get a piece of paper to me to think about how to do that.

*7/9 Wade tasked
ASD (ISA) informed.*

Done

