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MEMO FOR DR. WADE

SUBJECT: National Security Strategy Review

At OMB yesterday, SecDef discussed NSSMs and NSDMs -- and the fact that many are out of date -- with Lynn and Ogilvie. All agreed that it is time to turn to on a review and update.

In subsequent conversation with Scowcroft, SecDef proposed a Boverie-Wade-Aldridge-Ogilvie effort to:

- Go through NSSMs/NSDMs to decide which need redoing.
- Group them by priority ... perhaps, those on which we should get to work now and finish in 90 days, those by the end of the FY 78 budget cycle, and those by 30 June '77.
- Produce a "snapshot" of this sorting for early consideration, and make recommendations to SecDef (and Lynn and Scowcroft).
- Get as much done as possible within 90 days.

and to this end, Boverie will get in contact with you shortly. See NSC Staff Memo of 2 July (SecDef Cont Nr. X-1975) for openers.

Let's shoot for the preliminary snapshot by 24 July.

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