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National Security Study Memorandum 219

TO: The Secretary of Defense
    The Deputy Secretary of State
    The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament
    Agency
    The Administrator, Energy Research and
    Development Administration

SUBJECT: U.S.-Iran Agreement on Cooperation in Civil
        Uses of Atomic Energy

The President has directed a study of the issues involved in reaching an
acceptable agreement with the Government of Iran which would allow
nuclear commerce between the countries -- specifically, the sale of U.S.
nuclear reactors and materials, Iranian investment in U.S. enrichment
facilities, and other appropriate nuclear transactions in the future. The
study should consider, but not be limited to, the following:

-- The rationale of the current U.S. position, and the status and prospects
   for negotiating an Agreement on that basis.

-- The potential impact of the U.S. position on Iran's nuclear development
   plans.

-- Alternatives for a U.S. position, with pros and cons, including an
   assessment of the effect of each on our non-proliferation policy.

-- The relation of nuclear commerce with Iran to the broader question
   of U.S.-Iran cooperation.

-- The outlook for Congressional support of a U.S.-Iran Atomic Energy
   Agreement.

The study should be carried out by an ad hoc group chaired by a representative
of the NSC, and submitted no later than March 19.

cc: Director of Central Intelligence

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