TO:        The Secretary of State
           The Secretary of Defense
           The Director, Office of Management and Budget
           The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT:   MAAG Requirement Study

The President has directed a study of the continuing U.S. requirement for
Military Assistance Advisory Groups after FY 1977, with a view to requesting
Congressional authorization for specific MAAGs in FY 1977 Security Assistance
Legislation.

Taking into account, inter alia, the views of Chiefs of Mission abroad, the
study should identify those countries in which the presence of MAAGs after
FY 1977 is a high priority requirement in terms of U.S. interests, those in
which such presence is desirable but of lesser priority, and those in which
MAAGs will no longer be required. In the case of each MAAG it recommends
be continued, the study should include full justification, estimated number
of personnel needed and the cost to both the United States and the host
government.

Based on the foregoing analysis, the study should present options and
alternatives for MAAG presence abroad after FY 1977, with the advantages
and drawbacks in each case.

The study will be prepared by the Interdepartmental Group for Political-
Military Affairs, and should include, in addition to normal membership,
a representative of the Director, Office of Management and Budget.

The study should be forwarded for review by the Senior Review Group as
soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 1976.

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cc:  Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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