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TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Secretary of the Treasury
    The Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy for Southwest Africa

The President has directed a study of U.S. policy on Southwest Africa (Namibia) in light of NSDM 38 and the United Nations Security Council's decision to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to recommend further steps to carry out relevant UN resolutions.

This study should:

-- briefly summarize past developments, the current situation, and likely prospects both in Africa and the United Nations;

-- examine U.S. interests and objectives;

-- propose optional U.S. policy courses for the longer term, including any specific proposals needed to implement them over the coming months.

This paper should be drafted by an ad hoc group chaired by a representative of the Secretary of State including representatives of the action addressees of this memorandum and of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

The paper should be submitted to the NSC Review Group by February 20.

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c: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
   Director of Central Intelligence