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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of StateTHE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of DefenseTHE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central IntelligenceGENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of StaffSUBJECT: Congressional and Media Briefings regarding U.S.
Government Policy on Combatting Terrorism (C)

The recent series of media revelations about NSDD-138 have created a quest by various Congressional committees for copies of the directive and briefings on our policy. While we share a common interest in building Congressional support for our policy, it is imperative that we present a unified position on the issues and protect classified information from unauthorized disclosure. It is equally important that we neither jeopardize the President's policy, nor create further anxiety among our allies on this matter before the June Summit. (C)

In order to satisfy these requirements, State Department Legislative Affairs will arrange briefings for the Congressional Leadership and Chairman, Ranking Minority Member, Staff Director and Minority Staff Director/Counsel of the following committees:
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- Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC)
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)
- Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism
- House Armed Services Committee (HASC)
- House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC)
- House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI)
- House Judiciary Committee

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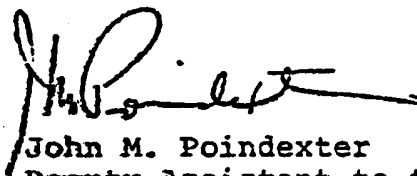
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All requests for other briefings should be deferred until after this event is held during the week of April 23-30. Committee staffs asking for briefings and or copies of NSDD-138 should be informed about this briefing. No copies of the NSDD may be reproduced or disseminated. NSC staff will work with appropriate agencies on developing consolidated briefing materials. No further press "backgrounding" should take place on this issue.

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