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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
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VIA: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: [REDACTED]  
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SUBJECT: Pre-SCC Meeting of 11 December 1980 - Security Framework

1. Action Requested. None; the following is for your information. (U)

2. Background. The meeting, chaired by BGen Bill Odom of the NSC staff, was held in the White House Situation room with attendees from State, Defense, DOE, Treasury, and the JCS. The purpose was twofold. First, to determine if any department or agency required decisions on some part of the Security Framework prior to passage of lines by the incoming Administration. Second, how should the Security Framework background, achievements, issues, etc., be presented to the new team. [REDACTED]

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3. On the first count, only Treasury appeared to have a time-sensitive topic -- determination of the amount and mix of aid to Turkey. [REDACTED]

In so doing, I specifically reserved the option of an SCC(I) to which Odom readily (almost too readily) agreed. [REDACTED]

4. The majority of the meeting was consumed by an elliptical discussion of what artform the presentation of the Security Framework to the incoming Administration should take. Possible candidates were:

- a. a Presidential Decision Memorandum;
  - b. a year-end report of objectives, achievements, and prospects;
  - c. a "key issues" paper.
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The PDM, because of its imperative mood, strikes me as an unattractive vehicle. The "key issues" paper is the sort of thing which invites divisive departmental commentary and ends up subordinating sharp capabilities and objectives to fuzzy concepts and goals. Perhaps, this would be helpful if mercilessly edited. The 'year-end report' seems to offer the best chance for a relatively short lucid exposition of the topic which might keep the transition wheel-spinning to a minimum. I personally think that if the presentation is indeed intended "to help the new team get a quick handle on the subject," we should simply ask them what sort of approach they would like to see it take. 

