National Security Decision Memorandum 184

TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness
    The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
    The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: United States Civil Defense Policy

The President has reviewed the Ad Hoc Group's response to NSSM 57, U.S. civil defense policy, and the views of the interested agencies.

The President has:

-- Decided that the U.S. shall maintain the current overall level of effort in its civil defense activities.

-- Directed that there be increased emphasis on dual-use plans, procedures and preparedness within the limitations of existing authority, including appropriate related improvements in crisis management planning.

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cc: The Director of Central Intelligence
    The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
    The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
    The Director, Office of Management and Budget
    The President's Science Adviser