

Table 1. National Security Council Directives by Administration

Administration	Study Directive	Decision Directive
Truman	national security council policy papers (NSC)	
Eisenhower	national security policy papers (NSPP)	national security council actions (NSCA)
Kennedy-Johnson	national security action memorandum (NSAM)	
Nixon-Ford	national security study memorandum (NSSM)	national security decision memorandum (NSDM)
Carter	presidential review memorandum (PRM)	presidential directive (PD)
Reagan	national security study directive (NSSD)	national security decision directive (NSDD)
Bush	national security review (NSR)	national security decision (NSD)
Clinton	presidential review directive (PRD)	presidential decision directive (PDD)
Bush	national security presidential directive (NSPD)	
Obama	presidential study directives (PSD)	presidential policy directives (PPD)
Trump	national security presidential memorandum (NSPM)	