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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: National Security Review of Low Intensity Conflict
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Low intensity conflicts continue to plague many lesser developed countries as they try to establish or retain democratic governments and market economies. These conflicts can have an adverse effect on regional stability, and ultimately upon our national security. Therefore, I hereby direct a review of the process by which we assist in the prevention and resolution of low intensity conflicts, specifically insurgencies, the outcome of which could threaten U.S. national interests. (S)

This review, to be completed by October 31, 1990, should address the interagency process from the Country Team level to the National Security Council, and should at a minimum, address the following:

- How should we incorporate low intensity conflict related policies into the national security strategy? (S)
- How should we be structured within the U.S. Government to formulate, coordinate, resource, and implement low intensity conflict related policies? (U)
- How can we enhance, at all levels, interagency coordination of low intensity conflict related policies? (U)
- How can the private sector assist lesser developed countries involved in or vulnerable to low intensity conflicts, and what should be the U.S. Government's role? (C)
- How do we ensure the proper balance of political, economic, military, intelligence, informational, humanitarian, and environmental assistance to countries involved in or threatened by low intensity conflict? (C)
- How can we structure a basic framework for providing surge assistance to countries in time of a low intensity conflict crisis or for enhancing nation building following U.S. military operations in response to a low intensity conflict? (S)
- How can the planning, programming, and/or budgeting of programs for low intensity conflicts be formulated on a long-term basis? (C)
- How should departmental and agency roles and functions be adjusted to reflect the transition from the Containment Era to the Beyond Containment Era? (C)

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