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## MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Vice President  
The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of DefenseALSO: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Administrator, General Services  
AdministrationSUBJECT: Omission of Director, ACDA on  
Addressee List of PD/NSC-41

The Director, ACDA, was inadvertently omitted from the addressee list of PD/NSC-41. Please change your records as necessary.

  
Christine Dodson  
Staff Secretarycc: Director, Arms Control and  
Disarmament Agency**UNCLASSIFIED**Declassified/Released on 23 JUNE 1980  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

June 23, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE VICE PRESIDENT  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Declassification and Release of PRM/NSC-32 and  
PD/NSC-41 on Civil Defense

The NSC Staff has determined that Presidential Review Memorandum #32, dated September 30, 1977 (4 pages) and Presidential Directive #41, dated September 29, 1978 (2 pages) may be declassified in full and released. Please change your records as necessary.

*Christine Dodson*  
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Staff Secretary

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September 29, 1978

Presidential Directive/NSC-41

TO:           The Vice President  
              The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense

ALSO:        The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
              The Director of Central Intelligence  
              The Administrator, General Services  
              Administration

SUBJECT:     U.S. Civil Defense Policy (U)

I have reviewed the recommendations of the Policy Review Committee meeting on PRM-32. Based on them, I direct that the U.S. Civil Defense program seek to:

- Enhance deterrence and stability in conjunction with our strategic offensive and other strategic defensive forces. Civil defense, as an element of the strategic balance, should assist in maintaining perceptions of that balance favorable to the U.S.
- Reduce the possibility that the U.S. could be coerced in time of crisis.
- Provide some increase in the number of surviving population and for greater continuity of government, should deterrence and escalation control fail, in order to provide an improved basis for dealing with the crisis and carrying out eventual national recovery.

This policy does not suggest any change in continuing U.S. reliance on strategic offensive nuclear forces as the preponderant factor in maintaining deterrence. U.S. civil defense programs will take advantage of the mobility of the population stemming from wide ownership of private automobiles, the extensive highway systems, and the large number of

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non-urban potential housing facilities to achieve crisis relocation of the urban population. Civil defense programs should also help deal with natural disasters and other national emergencies.

*Jimmy Carter*

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