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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
              THE SECRETARY OF STATE
              THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY
              THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
              THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
              THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR
              THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
              THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
              THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
              THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
              THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
              THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
              THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
              THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
              COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
              THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
              THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
              CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
              CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Decision Directive Concerning
              Security of Communications Systems Used by Key
              Government Officials   (C)

The President has approved and signed the attached National
Security Decision Directive on security of communications
systems vital to our national leadership.   (C)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Robert C. McFarlane

Attachment
National Security Decision
Directive Number 113

cc: White House Military Office
     Federal Emergency Management Agency
     General Services Administration
     White House Communications Agency

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SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
USED BY KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (C)

Mobile and fixed communications systems used by key US
Government officials in the Nation's capital and surrounding
areas are especially vulnerable to intercept and exploitation
by foreign intelligence services. Information transmitted over
such systems often is extremely sensitive. Even information
which in isolation is unclassified can reveal highly sensitive
classified information when taken in aggregate. To limit this
aspect of the hostile intelligence threat, I direct immediate
action be taken to provide secure mobile and fixed official
telecommunications systems to support the US Government offi-
cials in the following categories. (TS)

-      Presidential and Vice Presidential communications.

-      Cabinet members.

-      Other officials in line of succession to the
       President.

-      Other officials in line of succession to a Cabinet
       member.

-      Other senior officials of the Executive Branch as
       designated by the Assistant to the President for
       National Security Affairs, whose responsibilities are
       such that they require a direct and immediate
       communications capability with the President, and the
       Vice President. (C)

First priority shall be given to securing mobile telephone
systems and other communications systems in the Nation's
capital area for such key officials. These shall be secured
within six months of the date of this directive. Second
priority shall be given to all other systems which support such
key officials. These shall be secured as soon as possible, but
in no case later than two years from the date of this
directive. (C)

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The Secretary of Defense shall act as the Executive Agent for this effort in coordination with the heads of other subscriber departments and agencies. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will determine the users and the priority of implementation of these new systems. (C)

The Director, National Security Agency shall act for the Secretary of Defense in prescribing security standards and fulfilling subscribers' requirements for security equipment. In the case of Presidential and other White House communications, requirements for security equipment and other operational considerations shall be coordinated with the Director, White House Military Office. (C)

The Secretary of Defense shall submit an initial report on the status of implementation of the directive no later than March 1, 1984, and periodically thereafter. (U)

Ronald Reagan