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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: IVORY ITEM Exercises (U)

1. (TS) Reference your memorandum of 18 October, all Defense Department participants in IVORY ITEM exercise have been advised that only the principals will be in the conference.
2. (TS) IVORY ITEM procedures have been revised and coordinated with the White House to provide a parallel, non-secure communications circuit for future exercise conferences. This will provide a backup. If secure communications should fail, we can verify the availability of the non-secure net but must be careful not to discuss sensitive exercise play on non-secure circuits.
3. (TS) I will be prepared to discuss a proposed format for the condensed decision guide at an early date (Saturday, on the plane to Omaha with you and the President).

Harold Brown

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