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CRISIS MANAGEMENT

A national security matter for which Presidential decisions and implementing instructions are required more rapidly than routine interdepartment NSC staff support provides may be considered in the context of crisis management.

SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP (SSG)

Crisis management shall be the responsibility of a Special Situation Group (SSG) chaired by the Vice President.

The function of the SSG will be to advise the President with respect to decision options on domestic, foreign and military policies and actions.

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