MEMORANDUM

THE WIDTL HOUSE

October 28, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SUBJECT:

NSC Weekly Report #34

Opinion

Rather than offering an opinion this week, I would like to ask Lyours. Specifically, I would like to ask you to comment on the operation and activities of the NSC, my role and your involvement. The truth may hurt, but it will assist us in assisting you.

NSC Paper Flow

Are you receiving too much material from us? I hesitate to ask if you are receiving too little!

- Are the papers you receive on the whole too detailed or is more detail desired?
- . Shill replication 3. Are there any particular areas which come to mind in which there is an excessive paper flow? of same info - (5,
- 4. Would you prefer more oral briefings (other than our daily briefing)?
- Concerning the NSC Weekly Report:
 - -- Do you find it useful?

Should it be briefer? It's good- Particularly when it Should it focus more on specific items? Concerns.

-- Do you find the opinion piece thought provoking? Irritating? A waste of time? Good



NSC Role

- Policy Innovation. Are there things you would like me to do more for you? Are there things you would like me to do less?
- Operationally, should I become more involved in:

DoD affairs? yes

Congressional relations? - O'Heill & Bynd - maybe office like Hunn Patra-

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Finergy? The topic analyses would help - France vs Frace, 5 Africa or OPEC vs Europe. or Public education? no ussk us satellites

Press briefings? no - part has become orte

Are there other areas in which you want the NSC to have more impact? Less impact?

Your Involvement

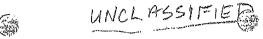
- Is your current foreign policy schedule (visits, meetings, briefings, and time required for paper / 5 / /am work) about right for you? Too much/too little? Monthly one-ke breefing. Carefully propered - top cal for top stop would
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 breefing. Carefully proDo you feel that you are entering the policy
 formulation process at about the right time? The formulation process at about the right time?

 Too late? Too early?

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- 12. Do you feel that you are being kept adequately informed of Policy Review Committee and Special Coordination Committee activities?
- Is the weekly Foreign Affairs Breakfast work. One of the beging out to your liking or are there changes that finde of the should be made?

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Net Assessment

- 14. Policy Integration. Are strategic-intelligence-foreign policy issues adequately integrated for you?
- 15. Policy Innovation. Adequate? Poor? Do you want us to submit more proposals for initiatives? Goo
- 16. Any other information or reactions?

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