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Remarks:

Attached is an Administration proposal to release certain materials from the national stockpile. OMB has asked us for comments by March 12th. Would you please let me have any comments you may have by the end of February. Thank you.

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## MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OMB Request for Comments on Administration Proposal to Release Certain Materials from the National Stockpile

1. The reductions proposed by OMB are based on the April 1973 change in stockpile criteria which reduced objectives from a 3 year supply in time of war to a 1 year supply. In addition, the new criteria considers the availability of substitutes and accessibility of supplies from sources that are believed to be relatively safe. We believe that the disposal program as outlined is reasonable under strictly strategic considerations in time of war.

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- 3. Some members of Congress have been critical of the Administration's disposal program on the grounds that it is increasing US vulnerability to new threats, such as supply manipulation by producing nations. Several proposals for the establishment of economic stockpiles have been introduced into Congress to deal with such possibilities.
- 4. Attached is a table showing the quantities proposed for disposal and other relevant details.

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