

Central Intelligence Agency

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable George P. Shultz
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT : Implications of an Oil Price Decline

I believe you will find the attached intelligence assessment on the implications of a possible oil price decline worth reading. The report points out that a decline could have a substantial positive impact on the global economy. An oil price decline, however, will also bring with it a number of potentially serious feedbacks that can be avoided if we recognize the risks beforehand.

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