



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Under Secretary for International Trade**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR Marc Leland

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Attached is a paper my staff prepared on problems unfolding in the international economic system. It is meant to be a companion to the papers prepared by your staff on the same subject.

As is becoming more and more obvious the effects of the debt situation are spreading to trade, economic and political areas. ITA's concern is not to intervene in the ongoing Treasury effort to deal with the immediate problems, but instead to help focus attention on the longer run policy options that should be considered. These longer run concerns and associated policy proposals cannot be adopted in haste, and should not be adopted without serious analyses of their implications. Consequently, I think it would be useful if the IG-IEP, which you chair, were directed to review in a systematic fashion the problems and the viability of any alternative ways of addressing them.

To assist in this effort I suggest that the attached paper be circulated to the members of the IG in preparation for the January 13th meeting. Hopefully, with a cooperative interagency effort we can determine where relevant problems are likely to develop and review the options available to address them.

Attachment

