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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EAGLEBURGER

SUBJECT: State Department Comments on Marianas Study

You questioned the desirability of a DOD rebuttal being sent to Ambassador Williams in response to Marshall Green's comments regarding the Marianas Study:

Some background of which you may not be aware would argue that we not take the rebuttal course. The Marshall Green memorandum has been circulated at the Under Secretary level, rather than as State comments in the Chairman, Under Secretaries Committee forwarding memorandum to the President, simply because the lower levels at State could not get Under Secretary Rush's concurrence with the rationale put forth in the Green memorandum. In short the lower echelons of State could not win their case in the Inter-Agency Arena during the conduct of the Marianas Study.

Since all DOD arguments are incorporated in the study itself and all major departments have concurred with the recommendations of the study, it is believed unnecessary to further the dialogue on this subject.

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