THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Welcome Message to Department and Agency Staff

As the new Administration assumes its responsibilities, I want to express - on behalf of the entire National Security Council staff - our gratitude for your continued service. My team and I will be working closely with you and your teams both through the formal interagency process and through countless informal contacts at the appropriate levels, each and every day.

The National Security Council staff is not just a coordinating body; it must accurately consider the views and respect the equities of all our government's departments and agencies.

When Colin Powell became Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs to President Reagan, he told the Secretaries of State and Defense and other Principals that he worked for them. In that spirit, I promise that our team will adhere to a disciplined process that will be of the highest standards. To that end, we all have the distinct honor of serving the President of the United States and the American people.

Please consider us a resource and never hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance to you or your teams. We look forward to working closely with all of you to protect and defend our great Nation and further its vital interests.

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