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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Telecommunications Funding

This directive provides guidance for the funding of NSEP telecommunications and supersedes National Security Decision Directive 201.

Policy

Implementation and recurring costs for national level NSEP telecommunications programs shall be shared by Defense and FEMA. Defense, as the Executive Agent for the National Communications System (NCS), shall fund all pre-implementation costs for national level NSEP telecommunications programs. Participation by federal agencies in the National Communications System will continue to be in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12472.

Implementation

Beginning in FY 93, implementation and recurring costs for NSEP telecommunications will be funded by Defense (70 percent), and FEMA (30 percent).

On an annual basis, the Manager, NCS, shall ensure that a proposed national level NSEP telecommunications program is submitted for consideration by the NCS Committee of Principals and the Executive Agent. The recommendations of each regarding those initiatives that should be implemented will then be
provided to the PCC for National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems by June 1 and will include the required funding levels for the next two fiscal years. The PCC will provide recommendations to OMB and the agencies for use in preparation of the President’s budget.

The PCC will invite participation by FEMA for review of NLP issues.