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PRESIDENTIAL DECISION DIRECTIVE/NSC - 50

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
U.S. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED  
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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY  
DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT  
AGENCY  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Commercial Communications Satellites and Jet-  
Engine Hot-Section Technology

The export of the commercial communications satellites and of the hot section technologies for the development, production and overhaul of commercial aircraft engines, transferred from the United States Munitions List to the Commerce Control List pursuant to regulations issued by the Departments of Commerce and State after the effective date of this directive, involve significant national security and foreign policy issues. The export of such items has serious potential to harm U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. Consequently, I have determined that the exports of such products must be controlled and restricted even where comparable products are or appear to be available from sources outside the United States.

Accordingly, under the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, I direct that:

The Secretary of Commerce shall maintain controls on the export of the technology, information, satellite systems and other information technology, including the development, production and distribution of software, microchips, engines, transmitters and the technology of their manufacture listed in the Commerce Control List pursuant to regulations issued by the Department of Commerce and State under the authority of this directive, and shall not be required to issue licenses in particular cases or to remove controls in exceptional cases on foreign availability factors contained in sections 10 and 12 (c) (4) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended 50 U.S.C. App. 2403(c) and 2405 (c) (4) and controlled in effect by Executive Order No. 12914 of August 19, 1994, and by Notices of August 15, 1995, and August 14, 1996, all other analogous provisions relating to foreign availability, and the regulations relating thereto.

Bill Clinton

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

October 25, 1996


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Mr. [Name]

MEMORANDUM FOR RECIPIENTS OF PDD/NSC-50

SUBJECT: Distribution of PDD NSC-50

Attached is your agency copy of Presidential Decision Directive NSC-50. Although the text of PDD NSC-50 is unclassified, we ask that distribution of this document be strictly controlled in order to protect the format (which will be used for subsequent Presidential Decision Directive/NSC). Your cooperation is appreciated.

*For*   
Andrew D. Sens  
Executive Secretary