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Pursuant to NSC Action No. 530-c, as approved by the President this date, the enclosed statement of policy, supplementary to the statement of policy contained in NSC 5608/1, is circulated herewith for implementation by all appropriate Executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government.

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Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
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The Director, Bureau of the Budget
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF POLICY
by the
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
on
U. S. POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITES
IN EASTERN EUROPE

1. Avoid incitements to violence or to action when the probable reprisals or other results would yield a net loss in terms of U. S. objectives. In general, however, do not discourage, by public utterances or otherwise, spontaneous manifestations of discontent and opposition to the Communist regime, despite risks to individuals, when their net results will exert pressures for release from Soviet domination. Operations which might involve or lead to local violence will be authorized only by the Secretary of State with the approval of the President on the basis of feasibility, minimum risk, and maximum contribution to the basic U. S. objectives in NSC 5608/1.

2. As a means of encouraging the eventual establishment of freely elected governments in the satellites as a disruptive device and not as an end in itself, be prepared on a case-by-case basis generally covertly and under appropriate policy guidance to assist nationalisms in any form where conducive to independence from Soviet domination and where U. S. and free world cohesion would not be jeopardized thereby.