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1. Bureau received letter from CINCPAC commenting on Master's paper "East Asia in the Mid 1970's." Key excerpts follow:

2. "There are certain aspects of the paper which I view with some concern. This is particularly true of the basic theme that a trend toward a quadrilateral balance in which the People's Republic of China and the USSR share positions of equal influence is in our best interests. It appears that acceptance of this trend as a foundation for U.S. policy in Asia stems from acceptance of the belief that the United States has no alternative to terminating the position of primary leadership in Asia it has filled since World War II.

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2. "I am not yet willing to accept as inevitable our withdrawal from a position of primary leadership in this vital region. Basically, I feel that we, in consort with Japan and our other allies, should continue to sustain our dominant position in Asia. The alternative of sharing this position with the PRC and the USSR does not create limited checks and balances with regard to major conflicts but represents risks of increased insurgencies which we should seek to avoid.

3. "I am convinced that any lessening of our resolve to sustain our position in Asia will only add fuel to the efforts of the PRC and USSR to expel us from a position of influence in the Western Pacific. Of equal concern is the effect our lessening resolve will have upon the nations of Asia who have placed dependence upon us to sustain an environment conducive to economic and political growth,

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free from the disruptive campaigns of the communist nations. I am concerned that acceptance of the PRC and USSR as equal partners in a quadrilateral balance of leadership would only encourage their support for disruptive insurgencies and would result in the lesser nations looking to one or the other of the communist giants for security. This trend would considerably lessen U.S. influence and certainly compound our difficulties in meeting our commitments in Asia."

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