NSC Policy Review Memo Rubric

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| **CONCERNS***What needs improvement* | **CRITERIA***What is expected* | **ADVANCED***What is excellent* |
|  | **Subject paragraph*** Is brief
* Places the issue in the larger context of U.S. foreign policy
* Clearly states whether the writer agrees or disagrees with the president’s decision
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|  | **Options and Analysis paragraph*** Discusses each option that came up during the role-play in discrete paragraphs
* Weighs the advantages and disadvantages of each option
* If options from the position memo are discussed, those options contain additional analysis
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|  | **Recommendation and Justification paragraph*** Makes a clear recommendation based on the writer’s personal position
* Supports the recommendation effectively
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|  | **Reflection paragraph or paragraphs*** Reflects on and critiques the president’s decision
* Is written from a personal point of view, not that of the assigned role
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