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TO: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Amendments to FY 70 Defense Budget

The President desires to have a National Security Council Meeting at 10 a.m., March 4, 1969, to consider the principal amendments to the FY 70 Defense Budget, especially with respect to the Sentinel Program, proposed by the Secretary of Defense.

A paper outlining the amendments to be discussed and their rationale should be forwarded to the President by March 1, 1969. In the case of the Sentinel Program, the paper should include an analysis of the alternatives considered in reviewing and evaluating the program and an outline of a public information program conforming to the Secretary of Defense's recommendation.

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cc: The Vice President Secretary of State Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness Director of Central Intelligence Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Director, Bureau of the Budget

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