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National Security Study Memorandum 117

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of U. S. Policy in the Caribbean Area

The President has directed that a comprehensive review of U. S. policies and programs in the Caribbean be undertaken. The study should take into account, but not necessarily be constrained by, studies prepared in response to NSSM 108. It should identify U. S. interests in the area and consider inter alia the implications of the following factors and developments for those interests:

- pressure being exerted on the foreign bauxite interests in Guyana and its effect on U. S. bauxite investments in Jamaica;
- the intention of the British Government to reduce its obligations and costs in the Caribbean;
- the interest of some Caribbean governments in regularizing trade and/or diplomatic relations with Cuba;
- the growth of black power or black nationalism in the area;
- increased Soviet military activities in the region.

The study should include recommendations or options, as appropriate, for U. S. policies and programs in the Caribbean area to advance or protect U. S. interests.

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The President has directed that the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Inter-American Affairs conduct the study, which should be submitted to the Senior Review Group by April 15, 1971.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Administrator, Agency for International  
Development  
Director, United States Information Agency

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