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National Security Study Memorandum 119

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: US-Soviet Incidents at Sea

In connection with forthcoming talks with the USSR concerning incidents at sea, the President has directed a study which

- outlines the issues;
 - examines alternative US proposals and their implications;
 - estimates probable Soviet positions and their implications;
- and
- describes a negotiating plan.

The study should, in particular, examine the military and intelligence factors involved and relate them to broader considerations of our relations with the USSR and issues of international law and maritime practice.

The study should include a discussion of the interests of US Allies and other significant third countries.

The President has directed that the study be prepared by the NSC Inter-departmental Group for Europe and be submitted for review by the Senior Review Group by March 8, 1971.

For purposes of this study the IG/EUR should be constituted to include only representatives of the Departments of State and Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council Staff.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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