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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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National Security Study Memorandum 122

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

SUBJECT: Policy Toward Japan

The President has directed a review of our policy toward Japan. The study should assess the issues in our relations with Japan and the policy options open to the United States.

The study should take into account the study prepared in response to NSSM 5 and developments in our relations since NSDM 13 was issued on May 28, 1969. In particular it should consider:

- Changing Japanese attitudes about Japan's international role and its relations with the U. S.;
- The effect on Japan of the Nixon Doctrine;
- The effects of developments in U. S. China policy on U. S. -Japan relations;
- Changes in our defense posture in Asia, our defense relationship with Japan and any changes in Japanese defense policy which might affect our bilateral relations; and
- The effect of the Okinawa reversion negotiations.

In addition, the study should consider the following economic issues:

- Japanese economic and other interests in Southeast Asia; and
- U. S. -Japan economic relations and the means of dealing with them (the immediate textile issue will continue to be dealt with separately, but this study should, of course, assess its implications for overall U. S. -Japan relations).

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The study should be prepared by the Interdepartmental Group for East Asia and be forwarded to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for consideration by the Senior Review Group by July 1, 1971. In considering the economic issues, the Interdepartmental Group for East Asia should include representatives of the Secretaries of Commerce and Agriculture, the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, and the Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Agriculture
The Special Representative for
Trade Negotiations
The Director, U. S. Information Agency
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Assistant to the President for Inter-
national Economic Affairs

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