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

SUBJECT: The President's Annual Review of American
Foreign Policy

In NSSM 80, October 27, 1969, the President directed that an unclassified Annual Review of American Foreign Policy be prepared and presented publicly at the beginning of each year. This Review was to describe the international situation and the Administration's approach to major foreign policy issues.

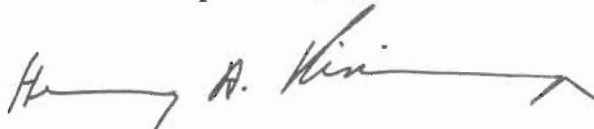
The 1972 Review will refer to the broad guidelines of Administration policy presented in the 1970 and 1971 Reviews, but primary emphasis should be placed on the issues for the future outlined in the 1970 and 1971 Reviews and on the concrete achievements of Administration policy.

To assist in preparation of this year's review, each addressee is requested to submit comments on (a) major trends, events, and issues of 1971; and (b) the Administration's approach in dealing with these developments. You should use as a basic point of departure the 1970 and 1971 Reviews and subsequent Administration statements and decisions during 1971.

A list of topics which should be covered is attached, but other subjects considered to be of particular significance may also be included.

Inputs should be submitted to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs by November 1, 1971.

It is expected that the Secretaries of State and Defense will issue their Annual Reviews shortly after the President's Report has been released.



Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment

cc: Assistant to the President for
International Economic Affairs

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TOPICS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW

1. Soviet-American Relations
2. Strategic Policy and Forces
3. General Purpose Forces
4. Bases
5. Arms Control
6. East Asia and the Pacific
7. South Asia
8. Vietnam
9. NATO Europe
10. Western Europe outside NATO
11. Eastern Europe
12. Middle East
13. Latin America
14. Africa South of the Sahara
15. Africa North of the Sahara
16. Foreign Economic and Military Aid
17. International Monetary Policy
18. International Trade Policy
19. United Nations
20. Law of the Sea
21. New Tasks for Diplomacy (e. g., Hijacking, Narcotics, Pollution, Space)

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