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TO: The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Secretary of the Treasury
 The Secretary of Commerce
 The Director of Central Intelligence
 The Administrator, National Aeronautics
 and Space Administration

SUBJECT: Review of US-Soviet Negotiations

As part of the process of planning for his meetings in Moscow, the President has directed that all bilateral issues that may be subject to discussions or negotiations with the USSR between now and the summit meeting be reviewed by the Senior Review Group. Multilateral negotiations, other than on major international issues (e. g. SALT, Berlin, MBFR, CSCE, etc.) will be included in this review.

To initiate this review each agency should prepare a brief status report of those issues within its jurisdiction which are currently under discussion with the USSR as well as any questions that may be discussed or negotiated in the next five months. All issues will be included even though they may be the subject of a separate NSSM study. These status reports should include a description of the issue, its current status, prospects for agreement and the possible interrelationship with other questions being discussed with the USSR.

The agency status reports should be submitted through the Chairman of the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Europe not later than December 29, 1971 for **cons**ideration by the NSC Senior Review Group. The Chairman, NSC-IG Europe will assure a uniform format, and will submit, along with the agency reports, a brief summary of the interrelationship among the various issues reported. For the purposes of this special project, the Senior Review Group will include representatives of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury, and NASA; other agencies will participate if there are matters concerning the USSR in their area of responsibility that are likely to arise between now and the summit.

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The President has directed further that no agreements with the USSR will be initialed or otherwise concluded without his approval.

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Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality
The Assistant to the President for International
Economic Affairs
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
The Director, U.S. Information Agency

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