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National Security Study Memorandum 204

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Acting Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Australia

The President has directed a review of U.S. policy toward Australia in the light of recent changes in the Labor Government. The study should examine the impact of these changes on basic U.S. objectives toward Australia, particularly in the political-security area. It should define and evaluate policy options for giving effect to the resulting objectives.

In particular, the study should deal with the following issues:

--The implications of changes in the Australian Government for future relations between Australia and the United States.

--The prospects for keeping U.S. defense installations in Australia, and the policy options for trying to prolong their existence there.

--The alternatives for relocating essential existing U.S. security functions outside of Australia, and the impact on our alliance relationship of doing so.

--The prospects for locating additional U.S. defense installations in Australia, and the policy options for trying to do so.

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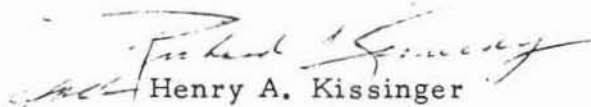
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--The prospects for growing divergence between Australia and U.S. policy in Asia and elsewhere, and the alternative means for minimizing the potential damage of such divergences to our alliance relationship.

The study should be prepared by the NSC Interdepartmental Group for East Asia, and should be submitted no later than July 15, 1974, for consideration by the Senior Review Group.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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