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Dear Bill:

I wanted personally to thank you for the excellent job you and the Intelligence Community Staff did in reviewing the activities of the Community during last fall's Middle East crisis. Your Preliminary Post-Mortem Report was an outstanding analysis of the Intelligence Community's reaction and performance during a major world crisis. It was both dispassionately candid and broad in coverage and should prove to be a valuable management tool throughout the Community.

As always, I personally am indebted to you and the Agency for your unqualified support and assistance.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable William E. Colby The Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Chairman, NSCIC

SUBJECT:

Middle East Post-Mortem Report

1. You may recall that in my memorandum to you of 27 October 1973, I mentioned that our Intelligence Community Staff had undertaken a thorough review of intelligence community activities pertaining to the Middle East crisis of last fall. I promised at that time to share the results of our study with you. Accordingly, I am sending you the attached Preliminary Post-Mortem Report, which is the first of several papers we plan to issue on the subject.

2. I think you will find this particular report interesting. It explores, in quite candid fashion, a fairly broad array of topics and concludes with a series of wide-ranging recommendations. These, incidentally, are couched in general language, not because we intend to be diffident in our search for remedies for the ailments besetting us, but, rather, because we sought in this paper only to provide guidance to those who must work (and who now, in fact, are working) out the specifics.

3. It would be very good to receive comments from you concerning your reactions to this effort, particularly since other aspects of the post-mortem process which are in process would benefit from your wisdom. We hope to receive comments from other members of the NSCIC as well.



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cc: NSCIC Members Chairman, PFIAB

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