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MEMORANDUM FOR

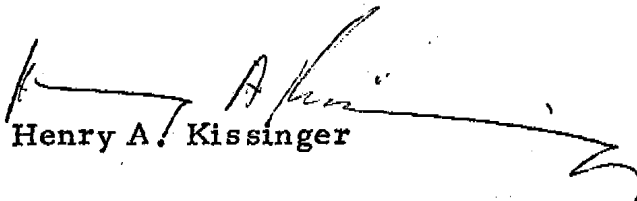
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Study of U.S. Responses to Soviet Anti-Satellite Activities

The President has directed that a comprehensive study be made of the Soviet threat to U.S. reconnaissance satellite activities and U.S. options in response for consideration by the Washington Special Actions Group. In particular, the study should develop and assess:

- Possible Soviet threats and their capabilities;
- Possible U.S. defensive countermeasures, including their relative costs and effectiveness;
- Possible scenarios for Soviet actions to intercept or otherwise interfere with U.S. satellite reconnaissance activities, and the likelihood of such actions;
- Options for U.S. responses, including public and non-public actions.

The study group should be chaired by a representative of the Department of Defense and include representation from the Department of State, NSC, CIA, and the NRO. Due to the sensitivity of this subject, this memorandum and participation in staffing the study should be kept on a strict need-to-know close-hold basis. A report is requested by December 31, 1971.


Henry A. Kissinger

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