

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

February 15, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: *JH* JOHN H. HOLDRIDGE *JH*

SUBJECT: *JH* Memo to the President on the Security Situation in China Relating to the Visit

At Tab I is a memo from you to the President forwarding two recent CIA estimates on the security situation in China relating to the President's visit. These studies give every indication that the President will not be exposed to any danger or personal embarrassment while in the People's Republic.

Recommendation:

That you approve the memo at Tab I.

*OBE - Pres did not see.*

*JH 3/1*

NSS Review Completed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *AK*

SUBJECT: CIA Estimates of the Security Situation in China  
Relating to Your Visit

At Tab A is a National Intelligence Estimate of security conditions in China as they relate to your visit to the People's Republic. The study concludes that there is no evidence suggesting you will be exposed to any danger or embarrassment while in China. It is felt that despite the purge of top military leaders last fall, Mao and Chou En-lai have sufficient authority to control any potentially disruptive forces during the period of your visit. The study notes, however, that the possibility of some violent act by an individual cannot be totally ruled out.

At Tab B is a more recent memorandum to you from the Director of Central Intelligence. Last minute information from China indicates that the PRC authorities are taking extraordinary security precautions in conjunction with your visit: travel within China to Shanghai, Peking, and Hangchow is being tightly controlled;

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As well, questionable individuals are being placed under special control, and physical security measures along the routes you will travel are in evidence.

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