Termination Day (T-Day) Planning—what military, political, and economic plans should we be making for phasing down the Southeast Asia conflict.

A Final—and Minor—Point. In numbering NSDMs, it would seem more logical to me to have the NSDM, which establishes the NSC Decision and Study Memoranda Series, numbered 1. It presently carries the number 3.

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10. National Security Decision Memorandum 1


TO

The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Administrator of the Agency for International Development
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of the US Information Agency
The Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness
The Director of the Bureau of the Budget

SUBJECT
Establishment of NSC Decision and Study Memoranda Series

At the direction of the President, the following two memorandum series are hereby established to inform the Departments and Agencies of Presidential action:

—National Security Decision Memoranda (NSDM). This series shall be used to report Presidential decisions (whether the result of NSC

1 Source: National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, NSC Institutional Files (H-Files), Box H–208, National Security Decision Memoranda, NSDM 1. Confidential.
meetings or appropriate consultation with the Department head concerned).\textsuperscript{2}

\textit{—National Security Study Memoranda (NSSM).} This series shall be used to direct that studies be undertaken (normally for NSC consideration).\textsuperscript{3}

The National Security Action Memoranda (NSAM) series is hereby abolished. An NSDM to be issued shortly will describe the status of existing NSAMs.\textsuperscript{4}

\textbf{Henry A. Kissinger}

\textsuperscript{2} Copies of NSDM 1 through NSDM 264 (August 6, 1974) are ibid., Boxes H–208–H–248. Copies of NSDM 1 through NSDM 348 (January 20, 1977) are ibid., RG 59, S/S–NSDM Files: Lot 83D305.

\textsuperscript{3} Copies of NSSM 1 through NSSM 206 (July 29, 1974) are in the National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, Box 365, Subject Files, National Security Study Memoranda. Copies of NSSM 1 through NSSM 248 (November 13, 1976) and follow-up studies, organized by NSSM number, are in ibid., RG 59, S/S–NSDM Files: Lot 83D212, and copies of NSSM 1 through NSSM 200 are also in ibid., Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, NSC Institutional Files (H-Files), Boxes H–122–H–207, National Security Study Memoranda.

\textsuperscript{4} In NSDM 5, February 3, the President listed 30 NSAMs that would continue in force until further notice, specified a review process for 40 other NSAMs, and directed that all other NSAMs “be considered inactive as of this date.” (Ibid., Box H–209)

\section*{11. National Security Decision Memorandum 2\textsuperscript{1}}

\textbf{Washington, January 20, 1969.}

\textbf{TO}

The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of the US Information Agency
The Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness

\textsuperscript{1} Source: National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, Subject Files, Box 363, National Security Decision Memoranda, NSDM 2. Confidential. A January 13 memorandum from Pedersen to Rogers proposing revisions in NSDMs 2 and 3, together with typed drafts of the NSDMs with handwritten revisions, are ibid., RG 59, Pedersen Files: Lot 75 D 229, NSC.