National Security Decision Memorandum 28

TO: The Secretary of State
The Administrator, Agency for International Development

SUBJECT: Untying of Aid

At the NSC meeting on October 15 the President decided that the United States should untie all AID loans to Latin America for procurement throughout Latin America. The President has reviewed that decision in the light of the considerations raised in Mr. Hannah's memorandum to me of October 16, but has decided to reaffirm his decision to untie all AID loans to Latin America for Latin American procurement.

The President wishes to announce that decision in his October 31 speech on Latin America for implementation shortly thereafter. Accordingly, you should (1) take the actions required to prepare the implementation of the President's decision, and (2) inform the President by October 27 of the implementing actions planned.

The President has asked that initial Congressional consultations be undertaken by Mr. Harlow's office. Therefore, any Congressional consultations you may wish to undertake should be carried out subsequently after coordination with Mr. Harlow.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Commerce
Director, Bureau of the Budget