National Security Decision Memorandum

TO:        The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Secretary of Transportation

SUBJECT:   Amendment to Transportation Order T-2  
Affecting the PRC

The President has considered recommendations of the Under Secretaries Committee in its memorandum of January 13, 1972 and decided that Transportation Order T-2 should be amended to permit U. S. flag-vessels and U.S.-registered civil aircraft having a validated license from the Department of Commerce to visit the People's Republic of China. The Department of State should notify U. S. airlines which had previously been granted authority to provide scheduled service to points in the PRC that they should not approach the PRC directly about the establishment of service until the Civil Aeronautics Board has examined the question of the establishment of scheduled service.

Initial announcement of this decision will be made by the White House.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc:        The Secretary of Defense  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Assistant to the President for  
International Economic Affairs