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TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Malaysia and Singapore

The President has directed a review of our policy toward Malaysia and Singapore.

This study should assess U.S. interests, objectives and policy alternatives for these countries against the backdrop of the British withdrawal from East of Suez by 1971. It should take into account our policies toward other countries -- in particular the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, and the other members of ASEAN -- insofar as they directly affect our relations with Malaysia and Singapore. Among the key policy issues which should be considered are:

-- the relationship of our ANZUS commitments to the Malaysia-Singapore area

-- short and longer term security arrangements for the region

-- U.S. and third country arms sales to Malaysia and Singapore

-- Possible U.S. presence and military deployments in the area, including use of the Singapore base

The President has directed that the NSC Interdepartmental Group for East Asia undertake this study. The Chairman of the Group may invite other agency representatives to participate as appropriate. The study should be submitted to the NSC Review Group by April 25, 1969.

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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