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TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense  
              The Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare  
              The Secretary of Housing & Urban Development  
              The Director of Central Intelligence  
              The Director, Bureau of the Budget  
              The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness  
              The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT:     Review of U. S. Civil Defense Policies

The President has directed that a review be undertaken of U. S. civil defense policies, with specific attention to the shelter program. This review should examine the civil defense options available to the Administration and their costs and probable consequences. It should take account of the decision to deploy a "Safeguard" ABM system, and of decisions to be reached on strategies and budget levels for U. S. military forces as a result of NSSM 3.

The study should be prepared by an NSC Ad Hoc Group under the chairmanship of the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, with representatives of the following: Departments of State, Defense, HEW, and HUD; the Central Intelligence Agency, Bureau of the Budget, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Other departments and agencies may be invited to participate at the discretion of the chairman.

The study should be forwarded to the National Security Council Review Group by November 1, 1969.

cc: The Secretary of Transportation  
      The President's Science Adviser  
      The Director, U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency  
      The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



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