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

SUBJECT: Diplomatic Initiatives on Indo-China

The President has directed that a study be prepared of diplomatic initiatives on Vietnam and Indo-China which might be taken following the June 30 completion of current military actions in Cambodia. The study should consider:

-- U.S. strategy for convoking or participating in an international conference on Indo-China;

-- Forums in which such a conference could be convoked;

-- Proposals which the U.S. could put forward to bring about a settlement;

-- U.S. strategy concerning regional conferences which might be called;

-- Other initiatives which could be taken to move toward a settlement; and

-- How proposals put forward or endorsed by the U.S. in an international conference should be related to on-going negotiations on Vietnam.

The study should present the advantages and disadvantages of alternative strategies concerning the U.S. approach to convoking or participating in a conference, of the various types of international forums for a conference, and of proposals which the U.S. might put forward or endorse.
The President has directed that this study be prepared by an ad hoc group chaired by a representative of the Secretary of State and including representatives of the addressees of the memorandum and of the NSC staff. It should be undertaken on a priority basis, and presented to the NSC Review Group not later than June 10, 1970.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff