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

SUBJECT: The President's Annual Review of American Foreign Policy  

In NSSM 80, October 27, 1969, the President directed that an unclassified Annual Review of American Foreign Policy be prepared and presented publicly at the beginning of each year. This Review was to describe the international situation and the Administration's approach to major foreign policy issues.

To assist in preparation of this year's review, each addressee is requested to submit comments, using as a basic point of departure the 1970 Review and subsequent Administration statements and decisions during 1970. The Review should outline: (a) major trends, events, and issues of 1970; (b) the Administration's approach in dealing with these developments; and (c) the principal tasks the U.S. Government faces in 1971 and beyond. The 1971 Review will refer to the broad guidelines of Administration policy presented in the 1970 Review, but primary emphasis should be placed on the issues of 1970 and the evolution of Administration policy.

A list of topics which should be covered is attached, but other subjects considered to be of particular significance may also be included.

Inputs should be submitted to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs by November 15, 1970.

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Attachment  

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TOPICS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW

1. Soviet-American Relations
2. Strategic Policy and Forces
3. General Purpose Forces
4. Bases
5. Arms Control
6. East Asia and the Pacific
7. South Asia
8. Vietnam
9. NATO Europe
10. Western Europe outside NATO
11. Eastern Europe
12. Middle East
13. Latin America
14. Africa South of the Sahara
15. Africa North of the Sahara
16. Foreign Economic and Military Aid
17. International Monetary Policy
18. United Nations
19. International Trade Policy
20. New Tasks for Diplomacy (e.g., Hijacking, Narcotics, Pollution, Space)