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TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Secretary of Transportation
    The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
    The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Policy Toward Iceland

The President has directed that a comprehensive review of US policy toward Iceland be undertaken. The study should identify US interests in Iceland and should offer recommendations for US policy and programs to advance or protect those interests, taking into account such factors as:

-- US strategic interests in Iceland;

-- NATO's strategic interests in Iceland;

-- Foreign policy objectives of the new, Icelandic coalition government;

-- Law of the sea issues -- e.g., fisheries and marine environmental quality -- affecting US-Icelandic relations;

-- Iceland's domestic needs and possible US initiatives to help satisfy those needs.

The President has directed that the study be undertaken by an ad hoc group comprising representatives of the addressees of this memorandum and a representative of the NSC staff, and under the chairmanship of the representative of the Department of State. The study should be forwarded no later than August 9, 1971, for consideration by the Senior Review Group.

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