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National Security Study Memorandum 161

TO: The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Secretary of the 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 has as its purpose a description of the international situation and the Administration's approach to major foreign policy issues.

To assist in preparation of the 1973 Review, each addressee is requested to submit comments and textual suggestions, using as a basic point of departure the Reviews of the past three years and subsequent developments and decisions during 1972.

In addition to outlining the major trends, events, and issues of 1972 and the Administration's approach in dealing with them, the 1973 Report should highlight the continuous thrust and accomplishments of the Administration in dealing with major issues over the last four years. The 1973 Report also should identify major tasks which lie ahead.

A list of topics which should be covered is attached, but other subjects considered to be of particular significance may also be included. In particular, each addressee is requested to suggest topics of broad significance which might be treated in a brief overview in the Report.

Inputs should be submitted to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs by November 1, 1972.

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The President anticipates that, if the Secretaries of State and Defense plan to issue Annual Reviews, they will be released after the President's Report has been issued.


Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment

cc: Assistant to the President for
International Economic Affairs

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TOPICS FOR THE 1973 ANNUAL REVIEWArea Issues and Developments

1. Europe
 - NATO Europe
 - Western Europe outside NATO
 - European Community and the Common Market
 - Eastern Europe
2. U.S.-USSR Relations
3. Asia and the Pacific
 - U.S.-Japan Relations
 - Indochina
 - East Asia and the Pacific
4. U.S.-PRC Relations
5. South Asia
6. Middle East
7. Latin America and the Caribbean
8. Africa
 - South of the Sahara
 - North of the Sahara

Security Issues and Developments

1. Strategic Policy and Forces
 2. General Purpose Forces
 3. Arms Control
 4. Security Assistance
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International Economic Issues and Developments

1. International Monetary Affairs
2. International Trade Matters
3. Foreign Economic Assistance

International Institutions and Developments

1. United Nations
2. Law of the Sea
3. Multilateral Cooperation (e.g., Hijacking, Narcotics, Pollution, Space, International Terror)