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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Program for National Net Assessment

In furtherance of his memorandum of November 5, 1971 concerning the organization and management of the U. S. Foreign Intelligence Community, the President has directed the initiation of a program for the preparation of a series of national net assessments.

As a first step in this process, the President has directed that a paper be prepared which would:

- Define the national net assessment process, and discuss the range and types of topics that would be addressed.
- Discuss methodology appropriate for use in preparing net assessments.
- Establish reporting and coordination procedures for the program.

The President has directed that this paper be prepared by an ad hoc group comprising representatives of the addressees and chaired by the Director, Net Assessment Group, of the National Security Council staff.

The report of the Ad Hoc Group should be completed by May 15, 1973, and forwarded for consideration by the National Security Council Intelligence Committee.



Henry A. Kissinger

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