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TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
CHAIRMAN, NSC UNDER SECRETARIES  
COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Azores Base Agreement Negotiations

The President has directed that the NSC Under Secretaries Committee undertake a priority review of the U.S. -Portuguese Azores base negotiations. The study should identify the U.S. interests involved in the base negotiations as well as recommendations for the U.S. position best suited to protect those interests, taking into account such factors as:

- the overall status of U.S. -Portuguese relations;
- the present and future strategic importance of the Azores/Lajes facilities;
- the best U.S. estimate of the Portuguese position in the negotiations; and
- Congressional considerations bearing on the recommended U.S. position.

The Chairman, Under Secretaries Committee, is requested to forward the study response no later than December 7, 1973, for consideration by the President.

  
Henry A. Kissinger for

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director, Office of Management and Budget

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