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National Security Decision Memorandum 20

TO: The Vice President
 The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Director of Central Intelligence
 The Director, U. S. Information Agency
 The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness

SUBJECT: U. S. Foreign Internal Defense Policy

The President has affirmed "United States Policy on Internal Defense in Selected Foreign Countries," dated May 23, 1968, as current U. S. policy on the subject of problems relating to internal security matters in developing countries.

Policy matters, including the question of additions to or deletions from the FIDP list, will be referred by the appropriate Interdepartmental Group to the NSC Review Group for consideration by the NSC. Implementation, including review of internal defense plans, will be the responsibility of the Interdepartmental Groups under the supervision of the Under Secretaries Committee assisted, as it may direct, by the Political-Military Group.

Each Interdepartmental Group shall submit to the Review Group, by August 15, 1969, both an inventory of all internal security programs in its area and the names of countries it proposes for inclusion on the FIDP list. The proposals should be accompanied by a statement of the pros and cons related to placing each country on the FIDP list. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded to the Political-Military Group which may provide comments thereupon to the Review Group.

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For countries which have been designated for overall program analysis under NSDM 4, NSC consideration of whether the country should be on the FIDP list will normally take place when the program analysis study is considered. FIDP plans should be based on the program analysis study, if available, and on any decisions made by the President as a result of NSC consideration.



Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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