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National Security Decision Memorandum 184

TO:

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of Defense

The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT:

United States Civil Defense Policy

The President has reviewed the Ad Hoc Group's response to NSSM 57, U.S. civil defense policy, and the views of the interested agencies.

The President has:

- -- Decided that the U.S. shall maintain the current overall level of effort in its civil defense activities.
- Directed that there be increased emphasis on dual-use plans, procedures and preparedness within the limitations of existing authority, including appropriate related improvements in crisis management planning.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence

The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Director, Office of Management and Budget

The President's Science Adviser

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