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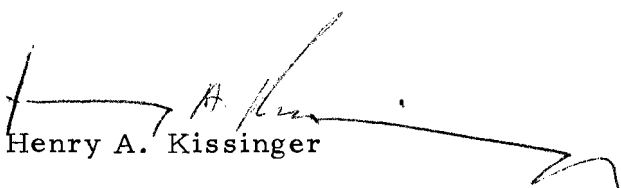
TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: National Net Assessment Process

The President has directed that the responsibility for the national net assessment program be assigned to the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of Defense should conduct the national net assessment program with the assistance of the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence.

NSDM 224, National Net Assessment Process, and NSSM 186, National Net Assessment of the Comparative Costs and Capabilities of U.S. and Soviet Military Establishments, are rescinded. However, the study required by NSSM 186 should be completed under the supervision of the Secretary of Defense.

Copies of all future completed net assessment studies should be forwarded to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for his information.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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