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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 9, 1970

National Security Decision Memorandum 47

TO: The Vice President
 The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Secretary of the Treasury
 The Attorney General
 The Secretary of Commerce
 The Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Rhodesia

The President has decided to close the U.S. Consulate in Rhodesia in response to the request of the Government of the United Kingdom.

The President has directed that the announcement of our withdrawal be consistent with our previous public position on the question of the presence of our Consulate in Salisbury. The maintenance of the Consulate did not imply recognition of the regime in Rhodesia. Withdrawal is a response to the request of the legal sovereign power in Rhodesia, the United Kingdom.

The President also has directed an urgent review of all existing regulations implementing UN sanctions against Rhodesia and all pending applications for imports from Rhodesia, especially with respect to imports of chrome ore. This review should examine alternative revisions in these regulations designed to minimize penalties to U.S. firms acting in good faith, while at the same time meeting U.S. legal obligations under our adherence to UN sanctions against Rhodesia.

This review should be conducted by an ad hoc group comprising representatives of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Commerce, the Attorney General, the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The group should be chaired by the representative of the Secretary of State. The study should be submitted to the President by March 27, 1970.

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The President has instructed the security classification and very limited distribution of this memorandum be observed scrupulously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry A. Kissinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence