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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 5, 1973

National Security Decision Memorandum 201

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

SUBJECT: Contingency Planning

The President has directed a review and updating of existing contingency planning for crisis situations, as required by NSDM 8, and a revision of the interagency system for both the timely development of future contingency plans and for keeping contingency planning current.

For these purposes the President has directed the establishment of an NSC Contingency Planning Working Group which will function under the guidance of and report to the Washington Special Actions Group (WSAG). The Contingency Planning Working Group will have as its functions:

- The review of existing contingency plans for the purpose of assessing their currency and adequacy;
- The identification of additional contingency planning which should be undertaken; and
- The review of such additional contingency related studies and position papers as may be required by the WSAG.

Under WSAG direction, contingency plans will normally be developed by the appropriate geographic and/or political-military NSC Interdepartmental Group and then be reviewed by the NSC Contingency Planning Working Group prior to submission to WSAG for approval.

Crisis management operations will continue to be coordinated by appropriate NSC Interdepartmental Groups and their Crisis Task Forces as prescribed by the Under Secretaries Committee under authority of NSDM 8. Certain crisis management planning, as determined by WSAG, will continue to be handled directly by a restricted group of the WSAG principals and such task forces as the WSAG may establish for the specific purpose.

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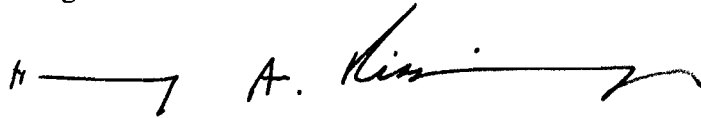
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The NSC Contingency Planning Working Group will comprise representatives of the addressees, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the NSC Staff and will be chaired by the representative of the Secretary of State. The NSC Contingency Planning Working Group is requested to initiate its work by reviewing the contingency plans listed in the attachment to this memorandum and to make its first report to the WSAG by February 5, 1973

This memorandum supersedes NSDM 19 and those sections of NSDM 8 which pertain to the role of the Review Group and the Under Secretaries Committee in Contingency Planning.

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Henry A. Kissinger

Attachment

cc: Chairman, JCS

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The following contingency plans have recently been completed and should be reviewed by the Contingency Planning Working Group:

Burma
Cuba (Protection of Third-Country Ships from Cuban Attack)
Czechoslovakia
Haiti
Hong Kong
OAS (Consideration of Cuban Attack on Third-Country Vessel)
Poland
Romania
Spain
Taiwan (Future U.S. Relationships)
Taiwan (Succession)
Uruguay

The plans listed below are being prepared:

Israel (Renewed Hostilities, Possible Major Power Confrontation)
Jordan (Internal and External Threats to Jordanian Regime)
Yugoslavia (Succession and Potential Disintegration)

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