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TO:                   The Secretary of the Treasury  
                      The Secretary of Defense  
                      The Secretary of the Interior  
                      The Deputy Secretary of State  
                      The Director of Central Intelligence  
                      The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
                      The Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers  
                      The Director, Federal Energy Office  
                      The Director, Office of Management  
                          and Budget  
                      The Assistant to the President for International  
                          Economic Policy

SUBJECT:           International Energy Review Group

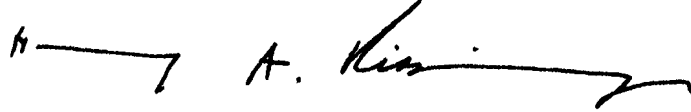
In view of the significance of recent changes in the international energy market, the President has directed the establishment of an International Energy Review Group (IERG), chaired by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The IERG will analyze the international implications of U.S. and foreign supply and demand in the field of energy and formulate policy recommendations to the President in the international energy area. Membership will consist of representatives of the addressees. Representatives of other agencies will be invited to participate as appropriate.

A Working Group of the IERG, chaired by the Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs, shall continuously review the international political and economic implications of the world energy situation and their linkages to U.S. foreign and domestic policies and programs. It will be responsible for directing the necessary policy analysis and for formulating policy recommendations to the IERG.

The IERG shall also establish a subcommittee on policy implementation and operations to be chaired by the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance. The subcommittee will be responsible for the implementation

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of policy, including interdepartmental coordination, and the preparation of the U. S. positions on energy related matters for international meetings and conferences.

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Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of Commerce  
Special Representative for Trade Negotiations