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

SUBJECT: The President's Annual Review of American Foreign Policy

The President has directed the preparation of an unclassified Annual Review of American Foreign Policy. This account of the international situation and of the Administration's approach to major foreign policy issues will be presented publicly at the beginning of each year. The Review will be analogous to the Posture Statement previously submitted by the Department of Defense and to the President's State of the Union, budget and economic messages.

To assist in the preparation of this year's Review each addressee is requested to submit comments in areas of responsibility, using as a basic point of departure the Review of the International Situation (NSSM 9) and policy decisions made during this Administration. The Review should outline: (a) the situation as of January 1969, and how it has developed during the year (factors, trends, major events and issues); (b) the Administration's approach in dealing with the situation (objectives, policies, decisions, accomplishments); and (c) the principal tasks the U. S. Government faces in 1970 and beyond.

A list of topics which should be covered is attached but other subjects considered to be of particular significance may also be included. Since the overall Report will not exceed 40 pages, comments on individual topics should be limited to an appropriate length.

Inputs should be submitted to the National Security Council staff by security  
December 22, 1969. 1969.

Attachment

  
Henry A. Kissinger

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TOPICS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW

1. Soviet-American Relations
2. Strategic Policy and Forces
3. General Purpose Forces
4. Bases
5. Arms Control
6. East Asia and the Pacific
7. South Asia
8. Vietnam
9. NATO Europe
10. Western Europe outside NATO
11. Eastern Europe
12. Middle East
13. Latin America
14. Africa South of the Sahara
15. Africa North of the Sahara
16. Foreign Economic and Military Aid
17. International Monetary Policy
18. United Nations

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