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MEMORANDUM FOR RECIPIENTS OF NSDM 34

SUBJECT: Military Supply Policy on Greece - Revised NSDM 34

The enclosed revision of NSDM 34 on U.S. Policy Toward Military Assistance to Greece replaces the version dated November 11, 1969, distributed on November 12. Please destroy all copies of the November 11 version and substitute the enclosed revision.

Director
NSC Secretariat

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National Security Decision Memorandum 34

TO:

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: US Policy Toward Greece--Military Assistance

With reference to the memorandum of September 26, 1969, from the Chairman NSCIG/NEA to the Chairman, NSC Review Group entitled "US Policy Toward Greece: Military Assistance--Response to NSSM 52," and the memorandum of the Secretary of State on this subject dated October 30, 1969, the President has instructed that:

- 1. Ambassador Tasca tell Prime Minister Papadopoulos that he is prepared to resume normal military aid shipments, including all items which have been suspended.
- 2. Ambassador Tasca make clear that movement toward a constitutional situation would ease US problems in speeding the release of the suspended equipment. [This linkage is conceived as a means of improving the atmosphere for removing the suspension of military shipments.]
- 3. The US Government, after the President has reviewed Ambassador Tasca's report of the Greek Government's response, begin shipping the suspended items gradually, beginning with the less dramatic items.
- 4. After the President's final review and approval, the following public line be taken with members of the Congress and press as necessary: Overriding US security interests were the principal factor in the decision to lift the suspension. The US Government will continue urging the government to move toward a constitutional situation.

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- 5. Ambassador Tasca attempt to develop a relationship with Greek government leaders that would permit him to exercise influence for democratic reform and a relationship with civilian political leaders that would maintain a bridge to possible future governments.
- 6. The Under Secretaries Committee assure the coordinated execution of this policy.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence
The Director of the Bureau of the Budget
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff