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August 9, 1974

National Security Decision Memorandum 265

TO: The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of the Treasury
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Attorney General
 The Secretary of the Interior
 The Secretary of Agriculture
 The Secretary of Commerce
 The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The National Security Council System

The provisions of NSDM 1 and NSDM 2, dated January 20, 1969, as amended and extended by subsequent National Security Decision Memoranda, which set forth the organization and procedures of the National Security Council System, are reaffirmed and remain in effect.

The National Security Council System shall assist me in carrying out my responsibilities for national security affairs and the National Security Council shall continue to be the principal forum for consideration of policy issues requiring Presidential determination. The operation of the National

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Security Council System will continue to be under the direction of the Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs). Communications to me relating to national security matters shall be transmitted through the Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs).

Henry A. Kissinger is hereby designated as Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs).

Gerald R. Ford

cc: The Director, Office of Management and Budget
Counsellor to the President for Economic Policy
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Administrator, Federal Energy Administration
Administrator, Agency for International Development
Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
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