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

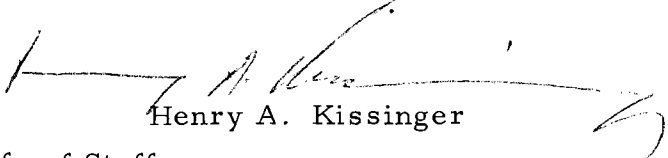
SUBJECT:     Contingency Planning for the Middle East

The President has directed the preparation of studies for various contingencies in the Middle East. As directed in the guidelines for contingency planning these papers should include a careful orchestration of political and military actions. These studies should be performed by the Near East Interdepartmental Group and should be submitted to the Review Group by the dates indicated below:

-- Resumption of Arab-Israeli Hostilities. This should examine possible U.S. actions in the event of renewed conflict in the Middle East provoked by either the Arabs or Israel. It should assume that the USSR and the US do not become involved to the extent of engaging in actual hostilities in support of either side. (May 23, 1969)

-- Jordan. This should explore the most likely crises as a result of internal or external pressures. (April 4, 1969)

-- Possible US-Soviet Confrontation. This should cover contingencies relating to accidental or deliberate direct Soviet involvement in the Mideast which could lead toward US-USSR confrontation. (April 25, 1969)

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
      The Director, United States Information Agency

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