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TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense  
              The Secretary of Commerce  
              The Secretary of the Treasury  
              The Secretary of Transportation  
              The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
              The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
              The Special Representative for Trade Negotiations

SUBJECT:   Review of US-French Bilateral Issues

The President wishes to review all bilateral issues that are currently or may soon be the subject of discussions or negotiations with agencies of the French government. As appropriate, this review should include multinational negotiations in which France's role could be major (e. g. negotiations on international trade or on combatting terrorism).

Each addressee agency should prepare a succinct (three or four paragraphs) report of those issues within its jurisdiction which are currently under discussion with France or likely to be within the next six months. All issues should be covered except those that are the subject of NSDM's 103 and 104. The status reports should include a very brief description of the issue, the US and French agencies primarily involved, the current status, prospects for agreement and obstacles thereto, and the possible inter-relationship with other issues under discussion with France. Elements of present or potential controversy with the French should be brought out.

The agencies' reports should be submitted through the Chairman of the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Europe to be ready for Presidential consideration not later than January 10, 1973. The Chairman, NSC-IG Europe will assure a uniform format and should submit, together with the agencies' reports, a short summary of the interrelationships among the issues discussed as well as any appropriate comment. Agencies other than the addressees who consider that there are matters concerning French-US relations that deserve Presidential consideration should arrange to contribute reports on them through the NSC-IG Europe.

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The President has further directed that no agreements with France be initialed or otherwise concluded until he has completed his review pursuant to this memorandum.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
The Assistant to the President for International Economic  
Affairs  
The Director, U.S. Information Agency