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National Security Study Memorandum 179

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

SUBJECT: U. S. Policy Toward Spain

The President has directed a review of U.S. policy options with respect to Spain. The study should update that made in response to NSSM 46 of April 29, 1969.

The study should include but not necessarily be limited to the following assessments and analyses:

1. An assessment to be prepared by CIA of Spain's domestic system and foreign policy orientation in a post-Franco era. Attention should be paid, in particular, to the anticipated power balance between competing elements in the Spanish political system.
2. An assessment of long-term United States interests to be prepared by the Department of State. Bilateral, European Community-related, NATO-related, and non-NATO (Middle East, Mediterranean) aspects should be covered and relative priorities discussed.
3. An analysis of the strategic importance of U.S. bases to be prepared by the Department of Defense. Distinctions should be drawn between facilities considered necessary, desirable, and convenient for the remainder of the decade. The analysis should consider the availability of other facilities in the Mediterranean area and potential problems associated therewith.

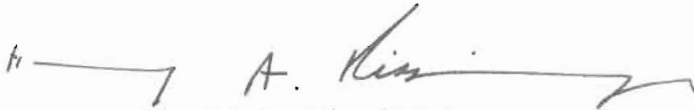
Based upon the foregoing assessments and analyses and within the context of our policy of continued good relations with the Government of Spain through the 1970's, the study should examine alternative lines of United States policy for the post-Franco era.

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The study should be prepared by the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Europe in consultation with the NSC Political Military Group and be submitted by June 1, 1973, for consideration by the Senior Review Group.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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