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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Interest  
in the Planning of U. S. Efforts  
to Improve Relations with China

I have noted the Department of Defense's various points of interest described in your memorandum of August 13 regarding our planning of U. S. efforts to improve relations with the People's Republic of China.

I appreciated very much your offer of the Department's support as we move forward toward normalizing relations with Peking. I assure you that the Department of Defense will be kept apprised of and consulted on these matters wherever appropriate.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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Henry A. Kissinger

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