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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency

SUBJECT: Leaks on SALT

Vital national interests are being jeopardized by leaks to the press concerning the strategic arms limitation talks. No one in the Government is authorized to divulge the U. S. or Soviet positions to the press or to speculate concerning my intentions with respect to the negotiations.

The President has directed that immediate steps be taken to ensure that standing directives concerning leaks are adhered to without exception by personnel under your jurisdiction. Prompt and severe disciplinary action is to be taken in the event of violations.

Those in the Congress as well as any consultants who have been briefed concerning SALT should be firmly reminded that there must be no leaks to the press. Allied Governments should be similarly reminded.

The President has directed this office be informed by memorandum, due on May 25, 1970, concerning steps that have been taken to stop leaks concerning SALT.

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Henry A. Kissinger

NSS review completed.

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ACTION
May 21, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: SALT Leaks

Attached is a Presidential directive concerning SALT leaks.

Should you wish to raise it with the President, a memorandum to that end is attached (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you obtain prompt signature of the attached directive. Alternatively, that you send forward the attached memo to the President.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: SALT Leaks

There has recently been a rash of leaks to the press concerning the SALT talks. They have obviously come from persons with access to our position and to the records of the talks. Since the circle of individuals who are informed about SALT includes Congressmen as well as NATO allies leaks may not be wholly due to indiscipline within the Administration.

Nevertheless, a directive from you to the Executive Branch may serve to get this situation under control. A text of such a directive is attached for your signature (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve and sign the attached directive (Tab A).

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