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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of the Treasury
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, Office of Emergency Planning

SUBJECT: NSSM-70 -- Haiti

I would appreciate receiving by August 3 your agency's views and position on the issues raised in the paper on Haiti produced in response to NSSM-70. This will permit more expeditious staffing of the paper to the President.

(Signed) HENRY A. KISSINGER

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Office of Management
and Budget

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July 17, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Viron P. Vaky

SUBJECT: NSSM-70 -- HAITI

Whatever its short-comings, we do have an operational need to get agency views on the Haiti paper and make a judgment on them. The questions asked in NSSM-70 relate to the kind of posture we should take now and how we should relate to the Duvalier regime now.

Answers to those questions are relevant to (a) the shaping of the FY-71 AID program which must be completed by the end of August, (b) the US position in the Inter-American Bank on a number of projects pending before the Bank for decision; and (c) the US position with regard to OAS technical assistance programs which the Organization will have to decide in the next few months.

The matter is hardly of world-shaking importance, and I do not see the need for an NSC meeting. Considering the crowded schedule, there is no need for a Review Group meeting. I recommend we ask the agencies their position on the paper and the issues raised in it, and then staff a memo to the President as we did in the Panama Canal question.

The further question of what we should do after Duvalier would flow logically from our conclusions about the present paper's issues, viz., what present posture we should take toward Duvalier and the succession issue. Therefore, once we get views on this paper and reach conclusions we will be in a better position to prepare and consider possible contingency policies for a post-Duvalier period.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab A asking agencies for their view on the NSSM770 paper.

Concurrence P Col. Kennedy

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