

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 10, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Viron P. Vaky

SUBJECT: Review of Intelligence Activities [redacted]

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The President approved both recommendations and instructed the agencies to implement them. The directive at Tab B called for a status report by August 1 on action taken to achieve better coordination, and a report by November 1 on action to reduce the number of personnel.

The August 1 status reports from CIA and Defense on coordination are attached at Tab A. Both reports agree that close and in-depth coordination has been effected in a very satisfactory manner; unnecessary duplication has been eliminated, and a coordination mechanism [redacted] has been established [redacted]. All of these coordination arrangements have been reviewed and approved [redacted].

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Representatives of both agencies tell me that the arrangements are truly satisfactory and an improvement over previous procedures. I think at this point nothing further need be done.

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A further report on steps taken to reduce the number of personnel [redacted] is due November 1. The Defense memo at Tab A notes now, however, that Defense personnel engaged in such operations will be reduced 30% by September 1, 1970.

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Attachments:

Tab A - [redacted] Defense Status Reports of Aug. 1

Tab B - Directive of May 4, 1970

What does close-in + in-depth coordination mean?
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OSD review complete

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

31 JUL 1970

Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Dr. Kissinger:

This is a report of actions taken in response to the directive contained in your memorandum of May 4, 1970, subject, "Review of Intelligence Activity in Panama."

The number of U.S. military personnel directly involved in clandestine collection operations in Panama has been reduced from a high of 27 case officers on 1 December 1969 to 21 case officers by mid-June 1970. Our projections indicate the figure will be further reduced to 19 case officers by 1 September 1970, which is approximately a reduction of 30% and currently is the end strength objective.

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Close and in-depth coordination has been effected [redacted] in Panama and on 26 June 1970, he informed the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) that coordination action on all projects had been completed, with the exception of one project which at that time was in the final stages of coordination.

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[redacted] Complete knowledge of all SOUTHCOM clandestine collection operations [redacted] will enable him to keep the Ambassador informed of all SOUTHCOM related activities. To further strengthen the intelligence cooperation procedures in Panama, an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) was established. Through the EAC the [redacted] Military, and Panama Canal Internal Security Office directors will be represented in one operational center during crisis periods. This provides the mechanism for immediate cooperation and maximum utilization of assets.

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Courtesy copies of this letter have been furnished Secretary of State and [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 4, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Review of Intelligence Activities [redacted]

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The President has reviewed the joint memorandum of February 25 submitted by Secretary Laird and Mr. Helms on the above subject. He has also reviewed Secretary Rogers' memorandum of March 26.

The President approves the recommendation made by Secretary Laird and Mr. Helms that the number of U. S. intelligence personnel involved [redacted] be reduced and non-essential duplication be eliminated. He directs that appropriate action be taken to implement this recommendation, and he requests a status report on action taken be submitted to him by November 1.

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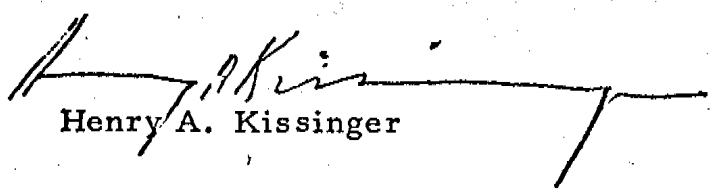
He directs that appropriate measures be taken under the relevant responsibilities of the Ambassador and CINCPAC Southern Command to insure that his coordination is achieved. He requests a status report on action taken be submitted to him by August 1.

The President further directs that the Ambassador be kept fully informed by all agencies [redacted] including [redacted] relationships that are maintained with persons with whom the Ambassador has contact.

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Henry A. Kissinger