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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Henry,

Enclosed for your information is the Defense Policy and Force Planning Guidance for FY 74-78. It has been revised and updated to reflect the NSC discussions of the defense program this summer, and to take into account criticisms and suggestions from the members of the DPRC. I believe it embodies and implements the current policies and judgments of the President. I intend it to provide the definitive guidance to the Department of Defense for planning and evaluating our forces and programs.

I will revise the guidance again early next year in order to incorporate the results of upcoming NSC discussions and any further guidance from the President.]✓

I would appreciate your review of this document and your identification of any areas in which you believe that the President's views are not fully or adequately reflected.

Sincerely yours,

Office of the Secretary of Defense
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