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MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF NSAM NO. 300

SUBJECT: Review of Alternative Communications, Navigation, Missile and Space Tracking and Data Acquisition Facilities

Notice has been taken of the interagency report submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to NSAM No. 300 and a subsequent memorandum from the Department of State, dated July 14, 1965, reporting that the Department of State has established an internal procedure for the alerting of operating agencies of the United States Government to risks of loss or serious diminution of use of facilities abroad.

The completion of the report and interagency contingency planning that it represents have already been put to the test and have proven their value. The participating agencies deserve considerable credit for the well-conceived and practical approach to the problem contained in the report.

The program recommendations contained in the report on pages 13 and 14 thereof have been particularly noted and are endorsed as the basis for continuing interagency coordination and cooperation to meet emergencies that may arise in the future affecting our overseas facilities.

The completion of the report and subsequent actions taken in implementation thereof completes the assignment contained in NSAM No. 300.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 300

TO: ✓ Secretary of State
✓ Secretary of Defense
✓ Administrator, National Aeronautics & Space Administration
✓ Special Assistant to the President for Science & Technology
✓ Director, Bureau of the Budget
✓ Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics & Space Council
Special Assistant to the President for Telecommunications

SUBJECT: Review of Alternative Communications, Navigation,
Missile and Space Tracking and Data Acquisition
Facilities.

The Secretary of State in cooperation with the heads of other responsible departments and agencies of the Government is requested to review the continuing need for U. S. overseas land-based facilities that are now located in politically unstable or unreliable areas and which are utilized for communications, navigation, missile and space tracking, and data acquisition.

Each responsible operating agency will analyze the continuing need for its facilities now located in politically unstable or unreliable areas as identified by the Secretary of State and develop plans to meet the contingency that such facilities may become unavailable for further U. S. use.

The review should address itself to the question whether the existing and planned requirements of these programs would be best served by development of possible alternative means (such as relocation of facilities, use of mobile or floating platforms, communication satellites, etc.). Political, technical and budgetary aspects of the question should be covered.

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The agency evaluations and interagency plans will be reviewed by an interagency group comprised of representatives of the responsible agencies under the chairmanship of the representative of the Secretary of State and with additional representation from OST, the NASC, the Bureau of the Budget, and the White House staff. The working group will formulate specific program recommendations by countries or regions for consideration by the President in the near future. The first recommendations should be submitted to this office no later than June 30, 1964.

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✓ cc: Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Mr. Bundy
Mr. Johnson
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