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National Security Study Memorandum 41

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
The Science Adviser to the President

SUBJECT: Treaty for Nuclear Arms Control of the Seabeds

The President has directed that a study be prepared on the issue of a treaty prohibiting the emplacement or fixing of nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction on the seabeds.

The study should examine:--

- a) the pros and cons of whether such a treaty is in the over-all U.S. interests;
- b) the pros and cons of the alternative formulations of the specific provisions of such a treaty;
- c) the prospects for obtaining agreement on the various formulations of the treaty; and
- d) the factors affecting the timing of our proposing a specific treaty draft.

The study should include complete drafts of the alternative formulations of the treaty considered in the study.

The study should be prepared by an Ad Hoc NSC Steering Committee, chaired by the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, with representatives of the following: Secretary of State; Secretary of Defense; Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director of Central Intelligence; Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Science Adviser to the President.

The study should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by April 18, 1969.

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