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TO: The Secretary of Defense  
The Deputy Secretary of State  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Future of Kagnev Station

In view of the continued internal security problems in Ethiopia, their impact on the U.S. operation at Kagnev Station, and the Ethiopian Government's request that we discuss a date for the station's closure, the President has directed a review of U.S. interests in a continued presence at Kagnev Station.

The study should:

- Describe in detail the strategic, tactical and operational considerations supporting continued use of the Kagnev facility, together with an assessment of the feasibility of performing its functions from alternate locations and the effect of terminating them.
- Assess how United States interests in Ethiopia and regional stability may be affected by continued presence in or, alternatively, departure from Kagnev.
- Estimate the likelihood and extent of continued military conflict between the Ethiopian Government and the Eritrean insurgency and the extent to which our Kagnev facility and personnel will continue to be targets in that conflict.

Based upon the assessment of the foregoing and any other relevant considerations, the study should determine the value of Kagnev to the United States and evaluate alternate policies for the future of the base and the functions it performs.

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By KBH NARA, Date 2/24/95

The study should be prepared by an ad hoc group chaired by the representative of the Secretary of Defense and including representatives of the addresses and the National Security Council Staff. Differing agency judgments should be set forth clearly.

The study should be submitted to the NSC Senior Review Group by November 6.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

