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TO: The Secretary of Defense
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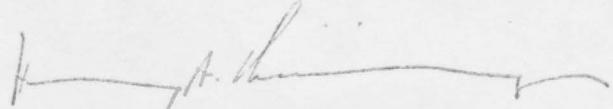
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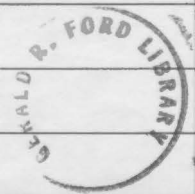
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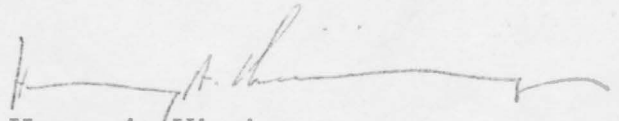
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Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



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April 18, 1975


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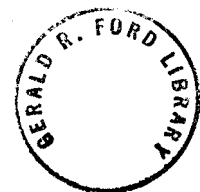
Attached is a copy of the study, U.S. Security Interests in the Azores, prepared by an Ad Hoc Interagency Group in response to NSSM 221.

May we please have your agency's formal concurrence and/or comments on the study no later than April 25, 1975.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



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US military forces have been stationed in the Azores since November 1944 when an agreement was signed with the Portuguese Government for US rights to an airfield on Santa Maria Island. The Santa Maria facility was needed to facilitate the movement of US troops to the Pacific theatre. In return, the US supported Portugal's goal of regaining Portuguese Timor which was then occupied by Japan.

In 1946, the US returned Santa Maria to Portugal and obtained an 18-month agreement for transit rights at Lajes Field (a former RAF facility) on the island of Terceira. Another agreement -- this time for three years -- was signed in 1948.

Under the terms of a September 1951 agreement, wartime use of base facilities in the Azores was granted indefinitely, so long as the North Atlantic Treaty is in effect between Portugal and the US and provided that Portugal and the US are involved in that war within the framework of NATO.

Peacetime use of the Azores base was also authorized under the 1951 agreement, but such uses were authorized only for a five-year period. It is the US peacetime use of the base which has been the subject of periodic renegotiation.

In 1956, with the end of the first five-year period of peacetime use approaching, the US suggested to Portugal that the agreement be renewed for an additional five years. The Portuguese response was 9 months in coming; it was a suggestion that a one-year extension be granted. Following protracted negotiations, a five-year agreement was signed in November 1957. In the renewal agreement and in the accompanying statements by Portuguese officials, it was clear that the GOP sought the termination of US base rights in the Azores when the agreement expired in 1962.

In June 1962, the US proposed a second five-year extension of the 1951 master agreement. By this time, however, the outbreak of insurgency in Angola and the rapidly progressing de-colonization in Africa by other European countries injected new issues into the base

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negotiations, The US placed an embargo on the shipment of arms and other military equipment to Portugal for use in its African territories. Additionally, public criticism in the US of Portugal's African policies and the Indian seizure of Portuguese enclaves on the sub-continent combined to increase Portuguese sensitivities vis-a-vis the world community. It was in this environment that the Portuguese concluded that the US had adopted a policy inimical to Portuguese national interests and declined to negotiate with the US on an extension of base rights. However, negotiations were not formally terminated and -- from 1962 to 1971 -- US forces remained in the Azores under a de facto continuation of the agreement.

By 1969, a new government had come into office in Portugal and the GOP proposed that conversations be resumed with the US regarding the presence of American forces in the Azores. On December 9, 1971, the base agreement was extended through an exchange of notes and letters between the Secretary of State and the Portuguese Foreign Minister. The agreement was back-dated to 1969. It expired on February 2, 1974 and is currently being renegotiated.



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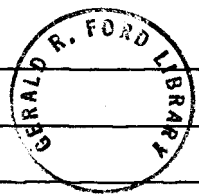
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