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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO:

DON RUMSFELD

RON NESSIN

FROM:

JIM CANNO

SUBJECT:

Murphy Commission Report

The Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy (Murphy Commission) must file its report and recommendations to the President and Congress by June 30, 1975.

The Commission has adopted the following schedule:

June 26 - Finished copies of the report available and distributed to the press (embargoed until Sunday, June 29).

June 27 - The Commission will hold a press conference.

June 29 - Press coverage in Sunday newspapers.

They have asked for an appointment to deliver a copy of the report to the President, Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on June 26 or 27.

They also want to deliver the report to the President.

We have not seen the report and will not see it until June 26--at the same time it is given to the press.

I understand that there are several dissenting reports by individuals on the Commission.

From what I have learned from the Vice President about the Murphy Commission recommendations, it might be best for the President to receive the report, thank the Commission, and say he wants to study it.

I have attached, for your information, a list of the members of the Commission.