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MURPHY COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy was established in 1972 by Public Law 92-352. Its mandate is extremely broad, though charged with examining how policy is conducted rather than the substance of the policy per se. The Commission is independent and reports to both the Congress and the White House on June 30 of this year. The report is not finally approved by the Commission (parts are still in draft stage) and until it is received at the White House, we would not want to comment on its contents.

As to the President's reaction to the suggestion that Secretary Kissinger's two jobs should not ordinarily be combined in the future, you should refer to the President's interview with Messrs. Cronkite, Schieffer, and Sevareid during which he made his position on Secretary Kissinger's capabilities and effectiveness quite clear. (pp. 13, 14).

The number at the Commission is 254-9850 if anyone wishes to make inquiries.