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National Security Decision Memorandum 265

TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of the Treasury  
              The Secretary of Defense  
              The Attorney General  
              The Secretary of the Interior  
              The Secretary of Agriculture  
              The Secretary of Commerce  
              The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:       The National Security Council System

The provisions of NSDM 1 and NSDM 2, dated January 20, 1969, as amended and extended by subsequent National Security Decision Memoranda, which set forth the organization and procedures of the National Security Council System, are reaffirmed and remain in effect.

The National Security Council System shall assist me in carrying out my responsibilities for national security affairs and the National Security Council shall continue to be the principal forum for consideration of policy issues requiring Presidential determination. The operation of the National

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Security Council System will continue to be under the direction of the Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs). Communications to me relating to national security matters shall be transmitted through the Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs).

Henry A. Kissinger is hereby designated as Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs).

*Gerald R. Ford*

cc: The Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Counsellor to the President for Economic Policy  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
Administrator, Federal Energy Administration  
Administrator, Agency for International Development  
Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
Executive Director, Council for International Economic Affairs

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