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

SUBJECT:           Azores Base Agreement Negotiations

In response to NSSM 189, the NSC Under Secretaries Committee submitted a study on the US-Portuguese Azores base negotiations, under cover of the committee chairman's memorandum of March 21, 1974.

The President has requested that the response to NSSM 189 be revised and updated to take into account:

- the change of government in Portugal;
- the change in Portugal's policy toward its African territories;
- the importance of the Azores facilities to the United States;
- Portugal's request that the negotiations begin as soon as possible with a view to conclusion by October;
- Portugal's request for Azores base compensation in the form of financial, economic and technical assistance, as well as Portugal's desire for military assistance; and
- the importance of Portugal to NATO and the West.

The supplementary response to NSSM 189 should include a recommended U.S. negotiating position, together with a review of Congressional considerations having a bearing on the Azores negotiations. The Chairman, NSC Under Secretaries Committee, is requested to forward the supplementary response no later than August 30, 1974, for consideration by the President.

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cc:   Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
      Director, Office of Management and Budget

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