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TO: The Secretary of the Treasury
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Deputy Secretary of State
 Executive Director, Council on International
 Economic Policy
 The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Implications of US Participation in
 Siberian Development

As part of his overall consideration of US-Soviet relations, the President has directed a review of the broad strategic, political and economic implications of US involvement in the development of Siberia, to include:

- a. the extent to which the Soviet Union will develop Siberia with or without outside assistance over the next 20 years;
- b. the strategic objectives of Soviet economic and military development plans for Siberia;
- c. the impact of Siberian development on Soviet energy needs and on the world energy market;
- d. the potential strategic, political and economic opportunities and risks for the US of alternative levels and modes of participation in Siberian development projects -- in particular, the question of transfer of technology, and the sale of equipment and materials versus construction by US firms of production facilities and processing plants;
- e. the political implications for our relations with Japan (and other friendly countries as deemed appropriate) of alternative levels of US financial and technical involvement in Soviet development efforts.

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The study should address other topics as appropriate or necessary.

The study should be conducted by an NSC Ad Hoc Group comprising representatives of the addressees and of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and chaired by the representative of the Department of State. The study should be submitted not later than December 13, 1974 for review by the NSC Senior Review Group.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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