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May 7, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Morton H. Halperin *MH*

SUBJECT: Memorandum to Secretary Laird on CBW Study

Secretary Laird has requested that a study of U.S. policy and programs relating to CBW be initiated "immediately" (Tab B), and the Department of Defense called over a draft NSSM on the subject shortly thereafter. I have drafted a brief reply for your signature (Tab A).

I believe that an early study on CBW is necessary, and a draft NSSM is "in the works". It will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive the drafts and proposals which are being sent over by the PMG.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to Secretary Laird at Tab A.

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Tab A - Proposed reply to Secretary Laird

Tab B - Laird Memo to HAK

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