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Honorable Solis Horwitz
Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Administration)
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Solis,


The proposed Plan for Communications between National Leaders set forth in your memorandum of 25 April 1967, has been reviewed. Those actions applicable to Situation Delta Two through Delta Nine are approved on behalf of the President as a basis for developing implementation arrangements. Those actions applicable to Situation Alpha One through Delta One which are wholly dependent upon the use of HF radio are considered marginal for support of the requirement and augmentation plans should be developed and presented which will provide additional and alternative means of communication.

The need for the President of the United States to communicate with the leadership of allied as well as enemy powers immediately before, during and after hostilities have begun, is of critical importance to the security of this nation. While the general concept in support of this need was approved for planning purposes by NSAM 175, the requirement is deemed to be unique to the needs of the Presidency in consonance with NSAM 252, and, therefore, should be considered as being within the scope of the National Communications System.

Sincerely,

J. D. O'Connell
Special Assistant to the President
for Telecommunications

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 175

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: **DOD-State Concept for Communication between National Leaders**

1. The May 25, 1962 memorandum for the President from the Deputy Secretary of Defense and its attachment outlines a series of measures proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to improve our means of maintaining communications with foreign national leaders during emergency conditions. While recognizing that adjustments may be required as detailed planning and development progresses, the general concept in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's plan is approved for planning purposes.

2. All actions taken should be consistent both with planning for the National Military Command System (NMCS), which will be designed as the unified survivable national communications system, and with the integration of State - CIA communications facilities. Also, cognizance should be taken of studies presently under way in government which may lead to a proposal for improved communication links between the national leaders of the US and the USSR. All planning should be accomplished with the view that this additional requirement at some future date may be imposed upon the National Military Command System.

3. The Secretaries of State and Defense are requested to initiate planning based upon the proposed concept with the assistance of such other government agencies as may be required. The detailed plan with estimates of cost will be submitted to the President for approval prior to implementation.

cc: Director of Central Intelligence
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