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NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY MEMORANDUM 86

TO: Secretary of State  
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Panama Canal

My memorandum to you of September 3 requested a brief review, for the President, of our interests and objectives with regard to concluding new canal treaties with Panama in the light of recent developments and changes that have occurred since 1967. Because of the importance of this subject, the President has directed that this study be submitted to the NSC. Accordingly, the review now being prepared by the NSC Inter-departmental Group for Inter-American Affairs should be prepared for NSC consideration, and should be submitted to the Review Group by January 20.

The study should analyze:

1. Our present interests and objectives with regard to concluding new treaties with Panama, including timing, and the options open to us to achieve those objectives.
2. The objectives of the 1967 treaty package and negotiating plan, whether any major revisions or changes appear desirable in the light of 1 above, and our options in this regard.
3. Relate the present internal situation in Panama and our policy toward the Torrijos regime to our policy on the canal treaties.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence

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