September 16, 1969

TO: The Secretary of State
   The Secretary of Defense
   The Director of Central Intelligence
   The Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology
   The Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: NSSM 59, "U.S. Policy on Chemical and Biological Warfare and Agents"

At the Interdepartmental Political-Military Group meeting on NSSM 59, on August 22nd, your representatives concurred in the Department of Defense request for a one month delay in the submission of the study to the Review Group. The due date for the NSSM 59 study has been extended from September 5th to October 5th.

As indicated in a memorandum to me from the Department of State, the Department of State may encounter some operational difficulties requiring special handling because of the delay. Nevertheless, it is expected that all involved agencies will refrain in the interim from public statements or actions which would extend or revise current policies.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff