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TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense  
              The Director, Office of Science and Technology  
              The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT:    U.S. Policy on Toxins

As a follow-up to National Security Study Memorandum 59, and in light of the decisions set forth in National Security Decision Memorandum 35, the President has directed a study of all aspects of United States policy and programs with respect to toxins.

The review should consist of a presentation of current and alternative United States policies and programs with respect to toxins and the pros and cons of each. It should include discussion of research and development programs and objectives, production methods, current capabilities, the military utility of toxins, and the effects upon the United States international position.

The President has directed that the NSC Interdepartmental Political-Military Group (IPMG) perform this study and that the addressees be included in the IPMG for purposes of this study.

The report of the IPMG should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by January 16, 1970.

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

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