

~~TOP SECRET~~

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

CSD Reg No. 32 31

June 24, 1969

(5)

~~TOP SECRET~~

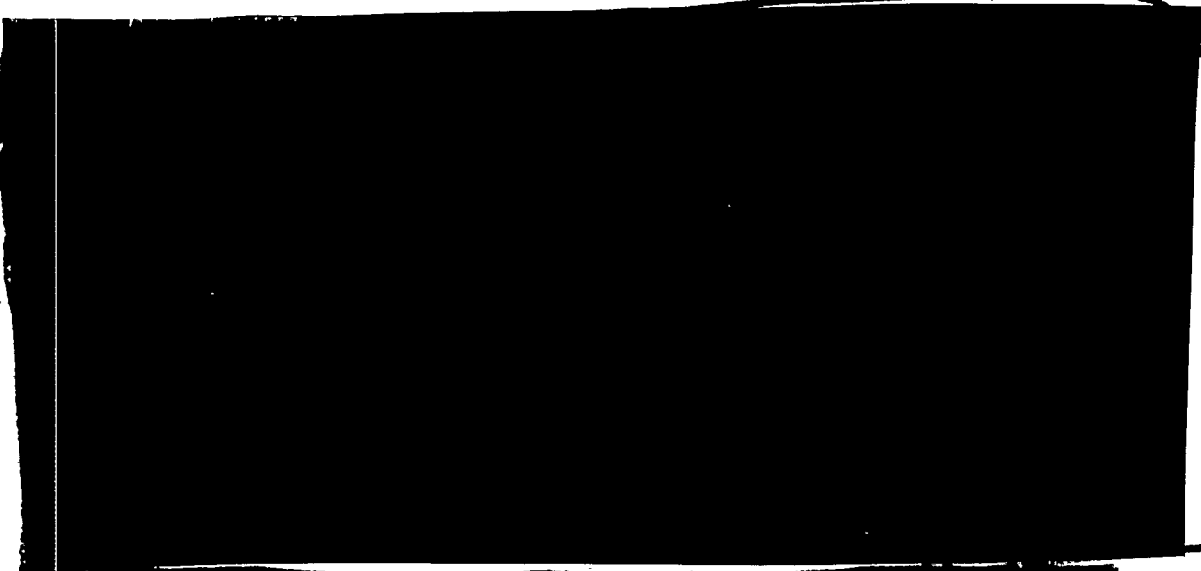
National Security Decision Memorandum 16

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Criteria for Strategic Sufficiency

As a result of the June 18, 1969 National Security Council meeting, the President has made the following decision:

For planning purposes, strategic sufficiency as far as nuclear attacks on the United States are concerned should be defined as follows:



Pending further studies, the President has directed that these criteria be used by all agencies in considering issues relating to the U.S. strategic posture.

*Henry A. Kissinger*  
Henry A. Kissinger

- cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Director, Bureau of the Budget
- Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
- Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness
- Director, U.S. Information Agency
- Director, Office of Science and Technology

Reproduction of this document in whole or in part is prohibited except with permission of the issuing office.

3483

~~TOP SECRET~~

Sec Def Cont Nr. X-

Copy No. 97-8-493  
 Case No. 97-75852  
 T.S. No. 3  
 Document No. 3

OATS(D/PA)DFOISR  
 TOP SECRET CONTROL