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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Priority List of Security Projects.

1. In the thought that suggestions for a priority listing of security affairs planning and study "projects" may be useful, I submit the following contribution:

a. Immediate projects:

- (1) Vietnam
- (2) NATO
- (3) USSR and Eastern Europe
- (4) Basic National Security Policy\*
- (5) Middle East
- (6) Assessment of U.S. Military Security Position
- (7) Assessment of Status of U.S. Defense Research
- (8) Defense Organization and Management Methods

2. Most of these are self-explanatory, and the reasons for their inclusion self-evident. Item (4), marked \*, Basic National Security Policy, is conceived of not as a comprehensive catalogue, but as something analogous to an early study of U.S. posture and concept in the Eisenhower Administration. (It examined three broad alternatives of policy based, respectively, upon roll-back, containment, or drawing a line).

3. Second List:

- (1) Communist China
- (2) UN
- (3) U.S. Organization Overseas

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