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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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