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**Memorandum from Henry A. Kissinger to the
Secretary of Defense, 'French Requests for
Assistance in Connection with their Missile Program'**

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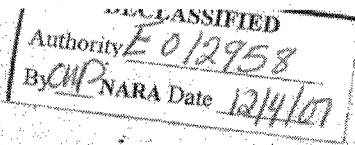
Memorandum from Kissinger to Laird instructing the latter to draft a memorandum for the President outlining French requests for aid, keeping in mind the President's desire to improve relations with France.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: French Requests for Assistance in Connection
With Their Missile Programs

In connection with pending French requests, which have been the subject of correspondence between Dave Packard and myself of January 21, January 27, and February 20, the President wishes to review feasible positive courses of action.

Would you please prepare a draft Memorandum for the President by March 16, indicating the nature of pending French requests and the courses of action for dealing with them. For purposes of this Memorandum, it should be assumed that NSAM 294 of April 20, 1964, will not be applicable in this instance.

In discussing courses of action and any difficulties associated with them, you should be guided by the President's decision to be forthcoming and to improve cooperation with the French.

Following receipt of the draft Memorandum, I propose that we have a small meeting of senior officials concerned to review the proposed courses of action. The Memorandum will then be submitted to the President.


Henry A. Kissinger

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