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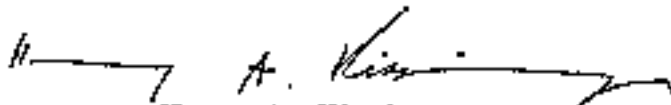
TO: The Secretary of Defense  
The Deputy Secretary of State  
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: Ratification of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 on  
Gas Warfare

The President has reviewed the report of December 6 submitted by the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, pursuant to NSDM 279. He has approved the report and authorizes the Director to state before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that:

- (1) the formulation of U. S. policy toward tear gas and herbicides incorporated in the report is the President's position,
- (2) it is the President's intention to conform U. S. policy accordingly, assuming the Senate consents to ratification on this basis, and
- (3) the President continues to urge advice and consent to ratification of the Biological Warfare Convention.

The President also approves the notification of appropriate allied governments of the Administration's position on the Protocol prior to the appearance of the Director before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

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

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