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July 10, 1970

TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Director, National Aeronautics and Space
    Administration
    The Director, Office of Science and Technology
    The Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics
    and Space Council

SUBJECT: International Space Cooperation: US-USSR Activities

The President has decided that space cooperation with the Soviet Union
should be pursued simultaneously through high-level diplomatic and
technical agency channels. He has noted and approved the scope of a
US-USSR cooperative space program forwarded from the Ad Hoc
Committee on International Space Cooperation through the NSC Under
Secretaries Committee.

The President does not, at this time, desire to send a formal com-
munication to Premier Kosygin urging closer space cooperation. He
will, however, consider such a message whenever it appears likely
that a concrete program proposal will be favorably received by the
Soviet Union.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director, Office of Management and Budget
    Mr. Peter M. Flanigan
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