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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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Summary:
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