

of Friday⁴ which said this and in effect turned down the [*less than 1 line of source text not declassified*] proposal. [*5½ lines of source text not declassified*]

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⁴ A draft cable of May 22. (National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, NSC Institutional Files (H-Files), Box H-074, WSAG Meeting, 5/22/70)

305. National Security Study Memorandum 94¹

Washington, May 25, 1970.

TO

The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

Diplomatic Initiatives on Indo-China

The President has directed that a study be prepared of diplomatic initiatives on Vietnam and Indo-China which might be taken following the June 30 completion of current military actions in Cambodia. The study should consider:

- U.S. strategy for convoking or participating in an international conference on Indo-China;
- Forums in which such a conference could be convoked;
- Proposals which the U.S. could put forward to bring about a settlement;
- U.S. strategy concerning regional conferences which might be called;
- Other initiatives which could be taken to move toward a settlement; and
- How proposals put forward or endorsed by the U.S. in an international conference should be related to on-going negotiations on Vietnam.

¹ Source: National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, NSC Institutional Files (H-Files), Box H-028, NSC Meeting, Vietnam, Ceasefire, Diplomatic Initiatives, 7/21/70. Top Secret; Sensitive; Nodis. A copy was sent to Wheeler.

The study should present the advantages and disadvantages of alternative strategies concerning the U.S. approach to convoking or participating in a conference, of the various types of international forums for a conference, and of proposals which the U.S. might put forward or endorse.

The President has directed that this study be prepared by an ad hoc group chaired by a representative of the Secretary of State and including representatives of the addressees of the memorandum and of the NSC staff. It should be undertaken on a priority basis, and presented to the NSC Review Group not later than June 10, 1970.

Henry A. Kissinger

306. Memorandum From the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (Kissinger) to President Nixon¹

Washington, May 25, 1970.

SUBJECT

Situation in Cambodia

Attached are two cables² from General Haig describing the military and political situation in Cambodia, his conversations with Cambodian leaders and recommendations for actions which should be taken to shore-up the Cambodians.

Haig reports (Tab A)³ that the military situation is not bright and that:

—Most of the Northeast is under NVA/VC control and the enemy is infiltrating west across the Mekong. Only in the south has the situation stabilized as a result of ARVN cross-border operations.

—The Cambodian army is faced with conducting a war while at the same time developing a command and control structure, training existing forces, and equipping and training additional forces without a source for logistics.

¹ Source: National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials, NSC Files, Box 509, Country Files, Far East, Cambodia, Vol. VI, 23 May 1970–4 June 1970. Top Secret; Sensitive; Eyes Only. Umbra. Initialed by Kissinger.

² The attached cables were undated and retyped.

³ Tab A was a summary of the military situation as of May 23.