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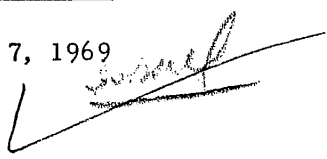
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October 7, 1969



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *K*

SUBJECT: Discussions with the Israelis on Nuclear Matters

During your private discussions with Golda Meir, you emphasized that our primary concern was that the Israelis make no visible introduction of nuclear weapons or undertake a nuclear test program. Accordingly, I asked Rabin for a formal response to the following three questions, put to him on July 29, 1969 by the Under Secretary of State, with your approval:

1. Would the Israelis assure us that they would not "possess" nuclear weapons?
2. Would they be willing to affirm that they would not deploy strategic missiles?
3. Would they be willing to sign the NPT?

Subsequently, Rabin has provided the following answers:

1. Israel will not become a nuclear power.
2. They will not deploy strategic missiles until at least 1972.
3. The NPT will be considered by the new government.

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