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BASIC CHRONOLOGY

OF

CHEMICAL WARFARE AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH ISSUES

A. NSSM 59: "United States Policy on Chemical Warfare and Biological Programs"

Issued: May 28, 1969

Original Due Date: September 5, 1969

[During the months of June through August, CIA, DOD, and STATE task force background papers, as contributions to the Interdepartmental Political-Military Group's Summary Report, were prepared.]

B. Main Interdepartmental Political-Military Group Summary Drafts and Meetings

Draft: August 15, 1969
Meeting: August 22, 1969
Decision: To postpone submission of NSSM 59 Report for one month at request of DOD.

Draft: October 1, 1969
Meeting: October 8, 1969
Decision: DOD task force papers and recommendations to be considered, and suggestions for revision of the IPMG Summary Report to go to Working Group

Draft: October 10, 1969
Meeting: October 13, 1969
Decision: Summary Report to be refined for submission to the NSC Review Group

Draft: October 15, 1969 (Submitted for Review Group Consideration)

C. Review Group Meeting

Date: October 30, 1969
Decision: Minor revision of Summary Report for NSC Meeting

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At Tabs: Review Group Talking Points
Review Group Analytical Summary

D. Interdepartmental Political-Military Group's Post-Review Group Meeting Activities

Meeting: November 6, 1969
Discussed: Review Group's recommendations
Meeting: Working Group-November 7, 1969
Meeting: Working Group-November 8, 1969

Draft: November 10, 1969 (Submitted for National Security Council Consideration)

E. National Security Council Meeting

Date: November 18, 1969

At Tabs: NSC Talking Points
NSC Analytical Summary

F. NSDM 35

Date: November 25, 1969

G. The President's Announcement and Dr. Kissinger's Backgrounder

Date: November 25, 1969

At Tab: Dr. Kissinger's Backgrounder

H. NSSM 85: "United States Policy on Toxins"

Date: December 31, 1969
Due Date: January 16, 1970

I. Interdepartmental Political-Military Group's NSSM 85 Activities

Draft: January 6, 1970
Meeting: Working Group-January 7, 1970
Decision: Major revision

Meeting: Working Group-January 10, 1970

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