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MEMORANDUM FOR

Honorable Russell E. Train
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: Environmental Cooperation with the Soviet Union

The President has reviewed the issues and recommendations contained in your memorandum of December 15, 1971, on environmental cooperation with the Soviet Union. He has approved the recommendation that you arrange a visit to the Soviet Union no later than mid-February 1972 for exploratory talks with Soviet environmental officials, and he has approved your recommended agenda and proposals for these talks.

The President has authorized you to explore the possibility of conducting bilateral negotiations with the Soviets with the objective of producing a draft bilateral understanding that he might act upon during his May visit. In this regard, he will wish to review your report and recommendations based on the results of your exploratory talks. The President has directed, however, that he be in no way committed to entering into a bilateral environmental agreement with the Soviet Union. He has further directed that no environmental agreement with the Soviet Union be initialed or otherwise concluded without his approval.

There should be no public announcement or discussion of your exploratory talks with the Soviets.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of the Interior
The Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs
The Science Advisor to the President

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