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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
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Subject: Transmission to Senate of February 2, 1971  
Convention to prevent and punish acts of  
terrorism, etc.

The underlying Report of the Acting Secretary  
of State to the President and the Message from the  
President to the Senate are for the purpose of transmitting  
to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification  
the Convention to Prevent and Punish the Acts of Terrorism  
Taking the Form of Crimes Against Persons and Related  
Extortion That Are of International Significance, signed  
at Washington on February 2, 1971 by plenipotentiaries  
of the United States and 12 other member states of the  
OAS.

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This Convention is designed to deal with the problem  
of kidnapping and other crimes against foreign officials.  
The OAS General Assembly met in Washington in January  
1971 for the specific purpose of formulating a convention  
that would express condemnation of such acts of terrorism  
and would establish a mechanism for cooperation among  
the governments for dealing effectively with the  
perpetrators of such acts. Under the terms of the  
Convention, it remains open indefinitely for signature  
by OAS member states and by any other state that is a  
member of the United Nations or its specialized agencies  
or a party to the Statute of the International Court  
of Justice. Other states may be invited by the OAS  
General Assembly to sign.

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As of April 6, 1971 Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia,  
Venezuela, Costa Rica and Uruguay had indicated plans to  
submit the OAS Convention to their respective senates  
within the next few months or upon the convening of the  
next regular legislative session. An early favorable  
decision by the President on the matter would put the  
United States, with Costa Rica and Uruguay, among the  
first states to seek Senate ratification.

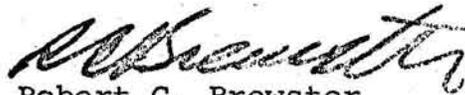
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The representative of Panama at the General Assembly felt it necessary to include with the Convention text a statement concerning the effect of the Convention on the right of asylum in the Canal Zone. At the time the U.S. delegate stated orally that it agreed with the representative of Panama that the Convention had no effect on the question of asylum in the Canal Zone, and noted that the United States and Panama have differing views regarding refugees in the Canal Zone under existing treaties. This statement is part of the minutes of the meeting. The U.S. delegation did not seek inclusion of the statement with the Convention text because (1) asylum in the Canal Zone is not affected by the Convention, and (2) the OAS General Assembly did not seem a proper forum for discussion of one of the principal matters to be treated during the renegotiation of the Canal treaties.



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Enclosures:

Report and Message  
with Convention.

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