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Scheduling of Visit to Dimona Reactor

The last "visit" to Dimona took place between July 10 and 13, 1969. It would be appropriate for us to ask the Embassy now to request arrangements for a visit in mid-July. Despite the fact that no one in the U.S. community has been satisfied with the restrictions and conditions Israel has imposed on these visits, it seems essential that we signal to Israel unflagging concern on the nuclear issue.

In recent days, members of the NSSM 40 group, and also others in ACDA, AEC and the Department who have played a role in the Dimona arrangements, have informally inquired about the Dimona visit and, from the 40 Group, the follow-up we had promised the President in our last report to him in February.

With your concurrence, I will draft and clear through the same channels as last year an instruction to Tel Aviv requesting a Dimona visit in mid-July. Even though we may actually be prepared to do as last year and send three men for one day, we should nevertheless cast our initial request in terms of four men for two days, stating our position on the visits as in the past.

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