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July 11, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger
SUBJECT: Missile Test Accident

At 5:00 a.m. EDT today, an ATHENA rocket test-fired from Green River, Utah overshot its target at White Sands, New Mexico and impacted 180-200 miles south of the Mexican border.

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Since the missile made an abnormal re-entry into the atmosphere, it is believed that less than 100 pounds of debris actually impacted on the ground. The precise location of impact has not yet been determined, but the general area is known to be sparsely populated.

The State Department has notified the Mexican Government, which has indicated its willingness to grant clearances and assist in any search efforts. (Map attached)

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