

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Henry:

With the 1976 election campaigns in progress, I would like to reemphasize Department of Defense policy regarding use of Department resources by Cabinet members and other authorized Departmental and Agency officials.

Department of Defense resources can only be made available, as outlined in the appropriate laws and directives, exclusively for official Government purposes. Therefore, when any Department of Defense resources, to include aircraft, are used, they must not be used, either directly or indirectly, in relation to or for political campaign purposes.

The policy outlined above does not apply to the employment of Department of Defense resources in support of the US Secret Service in conjunction with the protection of the President, Vice President, Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and other persons authorized to be protected by the Secret Service by law as provided for under the provisions of DOD Directive 3025.13.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

