

From Jack Anderson column:

Several readers have inquired about the policy-making machinery that produced President Nixon's Cambodian decision.

Normally such decisions are ground out by the National Security Council, which has exhaustive intelligence at its disposal. The NSC is guided by overall policy guidelines, which have been prepared with elaborate care.

As we reported immediately after the Cambodian move, the decision was based upon the paper work of a secret task force known as the Washington Special Action Group, headed by the President's national security adviser, Henry Kissinger.

In other words, the NSC was largely bypassed in the Cambodian planning, although the President took up the question with the NSC at two meetings on April 22 and 26.

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