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From review of "Papers on the War," by Daniel Ellsberg:

..... In the Government, says Ellsberg, there "is a need not to know." Unpleasant realities are often ignored; critical data often go ungathered. He notes that in 1968, at Henry Kissinger's request, he drew up a list of all the conceivable options open to the U.S. in Viet Nam. They began with using nuclear weapons*and ended with an immediate and complete pullout. But says Ellsberg, by the time Nixon got the list, the last option had been deleted as inconceivable.

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From review of same book:

..... In 1968 Ellsberg flew to New York with two Rand colleagues and presented Henry Kissinger with a list of "policy options" for the President-elect. One of the options (then not supported by Ellsberg) was "a U.S. commitment to total, unilateral withdrawal by a fixed date ... " One of Kissinger's military aides "disdained even to comment on this one option and at Kissinger's request it was omitted entirely from the second, edited draft that went to the National Security Council."

*(Did nuclear weapons remain on the list?)