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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT  
 THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
 THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY  
 THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
 THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL  
 SECURITY AFFAIRS  
 THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
 THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
 THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

SUBJECT: FY 1990-1995 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan (U)

I approve the attached Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan for the fiscal year 1990 through 1995, with the following exceptions:

- o Follow-on to Lance (FOTL) is cancelled. (U)
- o Production requirements based on the projections for FY 1992 and beyond may be used for planning. They will require careful review and may require adjustment based on arms control developments, the changing international political environment, and U.S. and allied response to that evolving situation, as well as the capability and capacity of the nuclear weapon production complex. (S)

The stockpile levels in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan represent ceilings not to be exceeded except as provided below or otherwise approved by me. (S)

For the period FY 1990-1995, the following are authorized:

1. Consistent with compliance with environmental, safety, and health standards, the Department of Energy (DOE) shall produce and retire those quantities of nuclear warheads and nuclear warhead parts necessary to achieve and maintain the approved stockpile,

[REDACTED] (SFRD) [REDACTED] 1.5

2. DOE may produce and transfer to the Department of Defense (DOD) parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear

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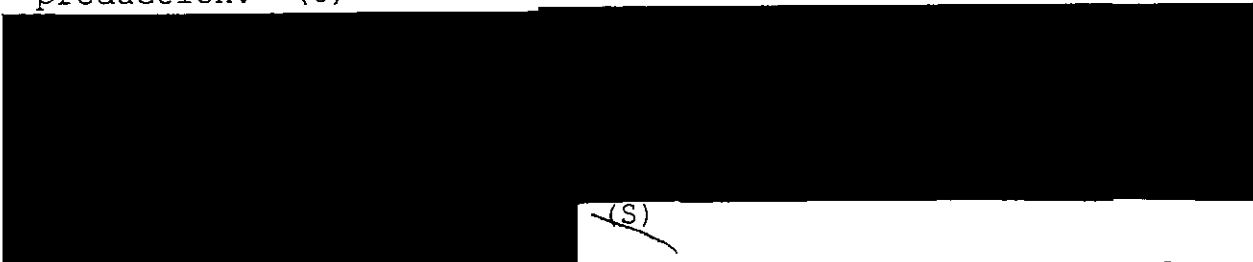
materials, as may be agreed to by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons training programs, research and development, and production. Additionally, DOE may temporarily transfer parts or test units containing fissile materials or plutonium power supplies for development and flight testing programs. (U)

3. DOE, in coordination with DOD, shall make such changes in the production and/or retirement of nuclear warheads during FY 1990-1995 as may be necessary to accommodate changes in DOE materials availability, production and retirement capabilities, or quality assurance requirements; or as necessary to accommodate changes required by DOD because of adjustments in force structure requirements. These changes may not exceed plus or minus 10 percent of the totals each year in each of the categories of the active stockpile. In addition, any other change which indicates a significant shift in defense requirements or DOE production capabilities, will be submitted to me for approval. ~~(SFRD)~~

4. DOD, in coordination with DOE, may retain custody of nuclear warheads that are designated as retired for a period of up to 24 months from the designation date to reduce DOE requirements for weapons storage. (C)

5. Nuclear warhead modernization programs will incorporate insensitive high explosive, as technically and operationally feasible, to minimize the potential for nuclear material scattering in an accident or sabotage situation. Older weapons lacking modern safety and security features, that are planned for extended retention, will be reviewed annually by DOD and DOE to determine if they should be included in the Stockpile Improvement Program. (U)

6. DOE shall provide the capacity and capability for nuclear materials and weapon production throughout the full planning and projection periods covered by the stockpile plan to include provisions for reasonable future contingencies. DOE shall establish and maintain to the extent feasible, a reserve of weapon-grade plutonium metal and highly enriched uranium metal to support the equivalent of approximately one year of weapons production. (U)



There are considerable uncertainties that will affect the future size and characteristics of the U.S. nuclear weapon stockpile,

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ENCLOSURE 1  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE PLAN

ITEM	YIELD (KT)	FIVE YEAR PROGRAM					STOCKPILE PROJECTION **				
		FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99

A. STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE

MINUTEMAN II W56  
MINUTEMAN III W62  
MINUTEMAN III W78  
PEACEKEEPER W87  
SICBM W87-1

SUBTOTAL (LAND-BASED MSL)

POSEIDON W68  
TRIDENT I W76 [a]  
TRIDENT II W88 [a]

SUBTOTAL (SEA-BASED MSL)

B28Y1  
B53 [b]  
B61-1  
B61-7  
B83  
B83 (904) [c]

SUBTOTAL (BOMBS)

SRAM A W69  
SRAM II W89  
ALCM/ACM W80-1  
EPW W61

SUBTOTAL (AIR-SURF MSL)

TOTAL STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE

B. STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE  
NONE

TOTAL STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE

C. TACTICAL

B43Y2  
B57  
B61-0  
B61-2  
B61-3 [d] [e]  
B61-4 [d]  
B61-5  
B61-6  
B61-8  
B61-9  
B61-10 [e]  
NDSB 990  
SRAM T WXX

SUBTOTAL (BOMBS/ASM)

TOMAHAWK W80-0  
GLCM W84

SUBTOTAL (CRUISE MSLS)



1.50  
420  
210  
Atom  
Energy  
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ENCLOSURE I  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE PLAN

ITEM	YIELD (KT)	FIVE YEAR PROGRAM					STOCKPILE PROJECTION **			
		FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98

PERSHING Ia W50Y1  
 PERSHING Ia W50Y2  
 PERSHING Ia W50Y3  
 PERSHING II W85  
 LANCE W70-1,2  
 LANCE (ER) W70-3  
 POTL WXX

SUBTOTAL (SURF-SURF MSL)

3-INCH W33Y1,3,4  
 3-INCH W33Y2  
 3-INCH W79-0 [E]  
 3-INCH W79-1 [E]  
 155MM W48  
 155MM W62 [E]

SUBTOTAL (ARTILLERY)

SUBTOTAL (ADM)

SUBTOTAL (AIR DEFENSE)

TOTAL TACTICAL

D. FLEET

SUBROC W55  
 DEPTH BOMB B57  
 NDSB B90

TOTAL FLEET

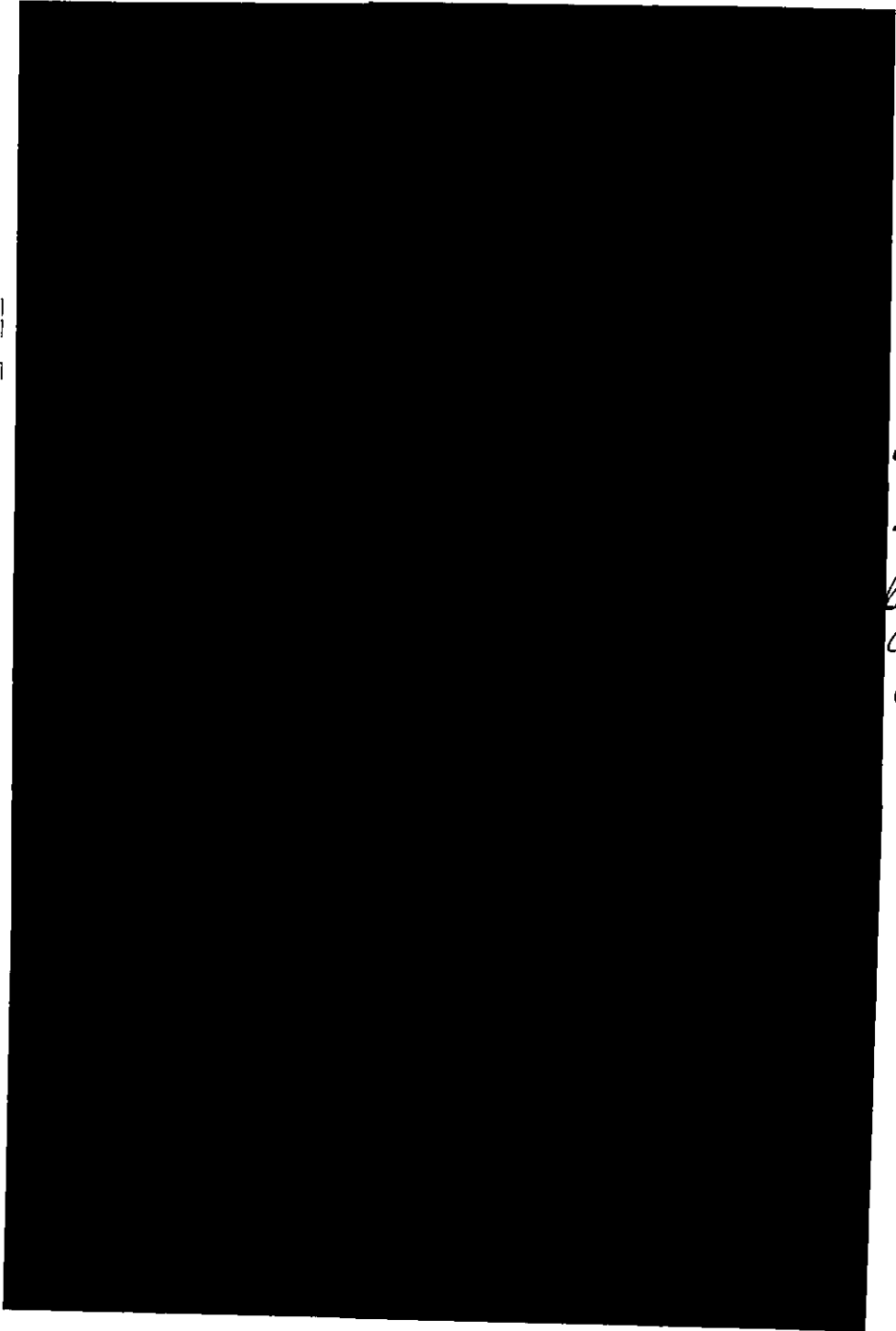
A. TOTAL STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE

B. TOTAL STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE

C. TOTAL TACTICAL

D. TOTAL FLEET

-- GRAND TOTAL ACTIVE --



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 424  
 216  
 Atom  
 Emer  
 Act  
 195

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## ENCLOSURE 1 NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE PLAN

ITEM	YIELD (KT)	FIVE YEAR PROGRAM					STOCKPILE PROJECTION **					
		FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
E. INACTIVE RESERVE												
MINUTEMAN III	W62 (903)	[g]	[REDACTED]									
SPARTAN	W71	[h]	[REDACTED]									
GLCM	W84	[i]	[REDACTED]									
PERSHING II	W85		[REDACTED]									

TOTAL INACTIVE RESERVE

--TOTAL STOCKPILE--

### FOOTNOTES:

- \* Lower selectable yield(s) are available.
- \*\* FY 1996 - FY 2000 projections are beyond the FYDP and may not reflect firm DoD system decisions.
- † Yield under discussion. Highest estimate used for SNM purposes.

[a]  
[b]  
[c]  
[d]

[REDACTED]

*1.5(g)  
424.5C. 2162  
Atomic Energy Act  
of 1954*

- [e] If Rocky Flats plutonium operations do not resume in time to meet all FY 1990 deliveries, 861-10 deliveries will substitute as feasible
- [f] Based on FY 85 Defense Authorization Act which limits total W79/W82 warheads to 925.
- [g] Alt 903 provides a new charge code allowing the tritium reservoirs to be removed and returned to DOE while SAC retains possession of the warheads. These Alt 903 warheads are for support of contingency deployments in MINUTEMAN II/PEACEKEEPER silos.
- [h] Retention of these warheads will be reviewed annually to ensure a credible delivery vehicle exists before the warheads will be retained further
- [i] Warhead material may be used to meet new program requirements

### ABBREVIATIONS:

- ACM - Advanced Cruise Missile
- ADM - Atomic Demolition Munition
- ASM - Air-to-Surface Missile
- ALCM - Air Launched Cruise Missile
- EPW - Earth Penetrator Weapon
- ER - Enhanced Radiation
- FOTL - Follow-On To LANCE
- FYDP - Five Year Defense Plan
- GLCM - Ground Launched Cruise Missile
- NDSB - Nuclear Depth/Strike Bomb
- SICBM - Small ICBM
- SRAM - Short Range Attack Missile
- SRAM T - Short Range Attack Missile--Tactical
- SUBROC - Submarine Rocket
- WXX - Warhead, Undesignated