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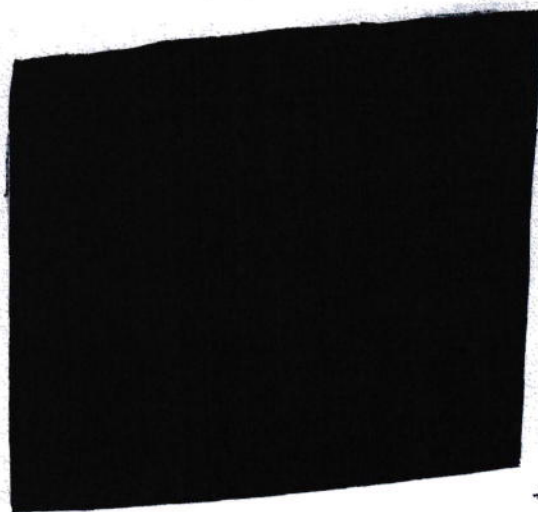
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Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

Enclosure  
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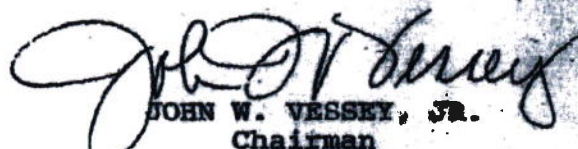
Subject: Congressional Request for SIOP Information

1. (U) Congressman Hamilton has raised several questions on our strategic nuclear war plan--the SIOP. These questions were a direct result of Thomas Powers' article in the March 31, 1985 edition of the Washington Post.

2. (U) For your information, I am also in receipt of a request by Mr. Addabbo to provide a detailed SIOP briefing for the members and staffers of the House Appropriation Defense Subcommittee. This is a separate and distinct request that is unrelated to the Powers' article and will be handled under separate letter.

4. (U) I have taken the liberty to enclose a proposed response to Mr. Hamilton. Your support for this approach will dictate the course of action we will pursue with any follow on requests.

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**By Thomas F. Powers**

Thomas Foster, author of the novel *Book Thirteen* about the West War, as well as *The Man Who Knew the Secret*, *Michael Heller* and the *Old*.

The problem of getting a non-hostile congressional reaction to the threat of nuclear winter is a case in

The election has not changed the course. The U.S. military has made it target in South Vietnam, according to some sources, those people who "believe" in the use of violence. The U.S. has been successful in convincing the public that the U.S. will continue to fight until the "communist" are driven out of the "southern part of the country" — that is, in the case of the U.S. — to maintain the "freedom of the people and the land."

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The John Birch Society's Robert Harding said he had no idea how many Americans had signed the petition. He said the G.I.'s were asked to return it if they could not find the time to do so. The petitioners are asking for signs of leadership and responsibility. Harding said the petitioners included both Americans and foreigners. They are not asking for a serious situation, according to Harding, but for our own sake.

2004, 2005 and 2006 after President George W. Bush in 2001. Political parties fell down to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, thanks to his "warrior" status by the types of "warrior" soldiers in war. Gates

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For obvious security reasons, not much has been published officially about the intensely conducted weapons-clearing process. Many different types of weapons are involved: single and multi-warhead land-based missiles (like most atomic weapons in the U.S. strategic inventory), multi-warhead but not so accurate sea-launched missiles (SLBMs), and the various missiles and gravity bombs carried by manned bombers. Some are quick to reach their targets, some slow. Gravity bombs now have the largest explosive yield, SLBMs the smallest.

But it does not mean the U.S. taxpayers get to keep their dollars. Far from it. The recent NIE includes "limited nuclear options" of a few days or a few weeks' duration, the sort of attacks that might occur in the early stages of a nuclear war. But the major nuclear weapons, believed to be the most powerful, focus on global "strategic targets"—things such as factories or oil refineries, and distribution points such as the Soviet command, planning agency Comandarm in Chief.

### A 1976 study of Soviet civil dis

**T**he strategists' reason for executing attacks on this issue is simple: that would be no conventional "attack" in a nuclear war, neither side would be in a position to occupy the other, and once the shooting stopped both sides would be left with only to recover as they could. The first to recover an ability to wage general nuclear war would be in a position to dictate to the other, or so it is feared by the war planners.

This is a black fact, made even bleaker by the nearly universal belief among American military men and civilian defense officials that any nuclear war would lead to go the limit. The Russians go a step further. They say explicitly that they do not believe any nuclear war can be limited, and would respond accordingly to a limited attack.

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Who is to answer these questions? With the arguable exception of Jimmy Carter, no American president has ever acquired more than passing knowledge of how we planned to use nuclear weapons in war. Eisenhower got as close as talking on the first SROE. Kennedy roughly got the same on the second. Johnson was ignorant of the subject and Nixon no better.

This should not be surprising: the RHP is essentially a five-foot shelf of computerized data — statistical, abstract, highly particular, and dull. Even the category 30 RHP briefing book used at the White House level is a couple of inches thick. No President has the time or expert knowledge to pass judgments on what is complex. He must depend on his advisors. Their record is not good.

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**Prisoners' Rights**—Prisoners of War who suffered the attack, he is determined to help them. "I will do anything I can," he says. "I will help them get out of here as fast as I can. I will help them get out of here as fast as I can. I will help them get out of here as fast as I can."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Response to Congressional Request for SIOP  
Information -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

61) The proposed letter (at Tab A) is submitted for your signature in response to the letter from Congressman Hamilton (at Tab B) which asked several questions regarding our strategic nuclear war plan -- the SIOP. These questions resulted from an article by Thomas Powers in the March 30, 1985, edition of the Washington Post (at Tab C).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Congressional Request for SIOP Information

1. (U) Congressman Hamilton has raised several questions on our strategic nuclear war plan--the SIOP. These questions were a direct result of Thomas Powers' article in the March 31, 1985 edition of the Washington Post.
2. (U) For your information, I am also in receipt of a request by Mr. Addabbo to provide a detailed SIOP briefing for the members and staffers of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee. This is a separate and distinct request that is unrelated to the Powers' article and will be handled under separate letter.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Honorable Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman, Permanent Select  
Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

(U) In your letter of April 1, you refer to the article in the Washington Post of March 11, entitled "What's Worse Than the MX?" and pose a number of questions about strategic targeting which derive from the article.

(U) First, I should point out that the goal of our strategic nuclear war plan is to provide a viable nuclear deterrent. To this end, the objective of the US strategic nuclear plan is to present a credible capability to prevent the Soviet Union from achieving its political-military aims. Further, the plan's objective is to seek to achieve the earliest termination of hostilities on terms that best serve our national interest.

Second, over the past year, key individuals of Armed Services committees in both the House and the Senate have received briefings concerning nuclear employment strategy and general aspects of the strategic nuclear force.

The Department of Defense has been working to ensure that the House and Senate Armed Services committees are kept informed of the current status of the strategic nuclear force and the Department's policy on nuclear employment.

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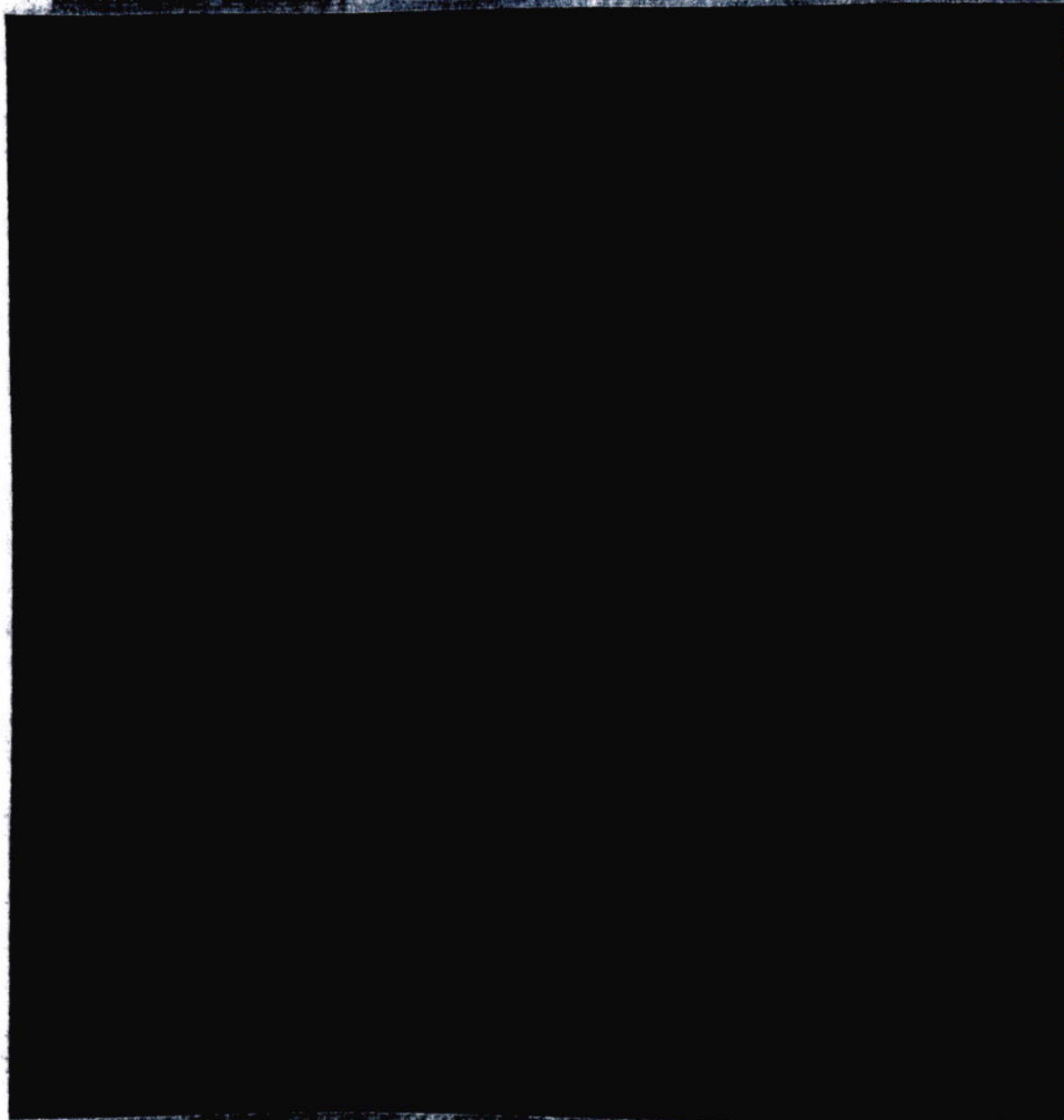
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5. Does any committee of the Congress regularly receive a complete briefing on the Single Integrated Operational Plan?

(U) No. Historically, however, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and House Armed Services Committee have been briefed on the SIOP. These briefings have generally been presented by the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, a JCS agency, either in Washington or at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, NE.

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