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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: FY 1985-1989 Program Objective Memorandum (U) - ACTION MEMORANDUM

(U) The theme of the FY 85-89 Program Objective Memorandum (POM) is a "quality" Air Force, with attention focused on quality of life for our people and quality of our operating forces. POM initiatives will improve living and working conditions and help us to continue to recruit and retain excellent people. Consistent with our force improvement efforts of the past few years, the FY 85 AF POM reflects the priorities of strategic modernization, readiness and sustainability, mobility, and tactical force modernization and expansion. We are continuing emphasis on preparing to fight with what we have while modernizing to meet future threats.

(S) In line with presidential direction, we provide funding for deployment of 100 Peacekeeper missiles in Minuteman silos and development of a small, follow-on ICBM. We continue bomber modernization through the procurement of the B-1B, the acquisition of an advanced cruise missile, and the development of an advanced technology bomber. We fulfill Alliance commitments by fully supporting production and deployment of ground-launched cruise missiles in Europe on schedule. Our POM continues emphasis on improving the readiness and sustainability of existing forces, providing increased flying hours and fully funding peacetime operating spare parts and, in 1987, WRSK/BLSS requirements. We continue the expansion of airlift capabilities through the acquisition of C-5Bs and KC-10s and the development of the C-17. While fiscal constraints hamper our efforts to modernize our tactical fighter forces, we increase our combined F-15 and F-16 procurement over the FYDP and upgrade our reserve forces.

(S) The reduction in available TOA from the January 1983 FYDP baseline, amounting to over \$4 billion in FY 85 and almost \$9.5 billion through FY 86, has forced difficult choices. Consequently, some programs contained in the FYDP had to be adjusted or terminated, new initiatives could not be supported, and we were not able to accommodate all of the Defense Guidance mid-term objectives. An Addendum to the POM contains those programs we believe are needed but require additional TOA.

(U) We have minimized military manpower growth. Military manning has been reduced by 5,800 from the level projected in the January FYDP. We are also

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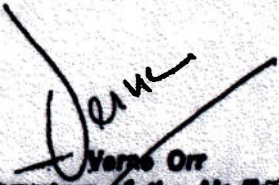
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pursuing additional significant manpower reductions consistent with Congressional actions on the FY 84 manpower request and will include these in our Budget Estimate Submission.

(U) Our POM is a sound, balanced program to strengthen our defense posture. We look forward to continuing our mutual efforts to provide the most effective Air Force contribution to the nation's security within available resources.

  
Verne Orr  
Secretary of the Air Force

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