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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Improvements in Presidential Command and Control of the
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Over the past several years, the fragility of the President's command and control of the armed forces in event of a nuclear attack has become increasingly clear. As a result of several comprehensive studies, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense have recommended that a program of enhancements is needed for support of the President. This includes:

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The Navy is doing this in conjunction with the Chairman, JCS.

I believe that you should now consider moving ahead with the other improvements. When implemented, they will provide the President a significant reduction in vulnerability at very low cost (less than \$10M through FY 86). Moreover, they will strengthen our deterrence of attack by demonstrating our readiness. Accordingly, I recommend that you sign the attached memorandum (Tab A) approving these JCS recommendations and directing the Secretaries of the Navy and Air Force and the Chairman, JCS to undertake the necessary actions. At Tab B is a memorandum informing the President of these improvements.

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