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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: JCS Nuclear Weapon Employment Policy Guidance (U)

(S) I have reviewed the proposed nuclear weapon employment policy guidance set forth in JCSM-51-81 and find it acceptable for the planning of SIOP-5, Revision F. The SIOP-5F structure appears to provide a sound measure of increased flexibility for the employment of strategic forces pending the development of a comprehensive building block approach stipulated in the NUWEP.

(S) With respect to the request for a one year moratorium on changes to NUWEP and JCS guidance, I recognize the need for a period of stability and concur with a one year extension to complete scheduled NUWEP responses. I understand that this and other analytical work is essential to the development of a new SIOP structure for October 1, 1983 which will enhance nuclear weapon employment flexibility.

(S) I look forward to the recommendations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding an expanded role for the Secure Reserve Force. It would be beneficial if the JCS could at the same time submit the proposed planning guidance for SIOP-5G which becomes effective October 1, 1982. It is my understanding that there will be minimal change from that of SIOP-5F except for necessary adjustments in forces committed to the plan and other minor changes as may be appropriate.

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