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10 May 1982



MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Assessment of Nuclear Employment Plans (U)

1. ~~(S)~~ The DOD Policy Guidance for the Employment of Nuclear Weapons (NUWEP)* directed the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide an annual assessment on the status and progress of the development of nuclear employment plans. The Joint Chiefs of Staff indicated** that as part of this assessment they would address [REDACTED]

2. ~~(S)~~ On 17 July 1981, you were provided*** an interim report on the status of JCS programs that implement NUWEP, as they contributed to the implementation of PD/NSC-59. The conclusions of that report remain valid. The JCS assessment in Appendix A and its Annex supplements that report.

3. ~~(S)~~ As stated** earlier, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have concluded that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] That conclusion is based on the JCS assessment of the command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) capabilities necessary [REDACTED]

However, should the Nuclear Weapons Employment and Acquisition Master Plan, scheduled for completion on 1 July 1982, warrant [REDACTED]

and should such action be feasible without disrupting planning for the 1 October 1983 SIOP, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will recommend such changes at that time.

4. ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED]

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5. (U) The JCS assessment of the C3I needed to support the SRF has been provided for consideration in developing the Nuclear Weapons Employment and Acquisition Master Plan. An objective of the master plan will be to identify actions necessary to support an expanded role for the SRF. These actions should include those programmatic and procedural requirements necessary to support and effectively manage the SRF.

6. (U) The JCS assessment in Appendix A does not address matters of interpretation or changes to the current NUWEP, which is now being revised to be consistent with current Presidential policy. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will provide their views as they participate in the development of an updated DOD NUWEP.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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Attachments

References:

- * Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense, 24 October 1980, "Policy Guidance for the Employment of Nuclear Weapons (NUWEP) (U)"
- I-35332/81 → JCSM-338-81, 7 October 1981, "Secure Reserve Force (U)"
- I-35228/81 → JCSM-264-81, 17 July 1981, "Report for the President (U)"

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