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In a memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 9 January 1959, on the above subject, the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), stated:

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9 January 1959

SAC MANEUVER OF SEALED-PIT WEAPONS NOVEMBER OPERATIONS

1. On 11 December 1958, the first report on this subject was submitted. This is the second report on the status of SAC airborne alert exercise HEADSTART and contains results of operations for the month of November, 1958. Exercise HEAD-START is an airborne alert operation whereby one B-52 fully combat configured with two Mk-39 sealed-pit weapons is launched each six hours from (b)(1) The aircraft fly a triangular course which extends roughly from (b)(1)



2. The results for the month of November were as follows: Period 1' - 30 November 1958

a. Missions scheduled 120

b. Missions airborne 113

c. Missions completed 106

d. Effective hours scheduled 1923:40

e. Effective hours realized 1853:24

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g. No accidents or incidents.

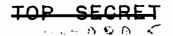
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DECISION ON J.C.S. 2019/351

A Memorandum by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

on

SAC MANEUVER OF SPECIAL MUNITIONS (C)

Note by the Secretaries

- 1. On 23 December 1958, the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3 of J.C.S. 2019/351.
- 2. The memorandum in the Enclosure, dated 24 December 1958, was forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.
- 3. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 2019/351.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. AIR FORCE

for the

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on

References: a. J.C.S. 2019/338 5. J.C.S. 2019/348

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- 1. Contained within the Presidential approval for SAC maneuvers with sealed-pit weapons,* is a request for periodic submissions to the President's briefing book of the progress of the airborne exercises. The first progress report, for the month of October, has been submitted** to the Secretary of Defense. The enclosed memorandum for the Secretary of Defense represents the progress report for the month of November. Within the proposed memorandum is a request that the Secretary of Defense submit the information for the President's briefing book.
- 2. I recommend that the Joint Chiefs of Staff forward the 11 memorandum in the Enclosure hereto to the Secretary of Defense. 12
- 3. It is recommended that this paper NOT be distributed 13 to commanders of unified or specified commands.

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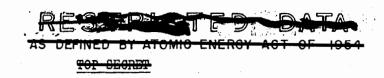
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons (5/RD)

- 1. Reference is made to the memorandum* by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 3 December 1958, subject as above which provided information on the airborne alert exercise HEAD START, conducted with B-52 aircraft from (b)(1)

 This memorandum contained a progress report on the exercise for the month of October.
 - 2. The results for the month of November were as follows: Period 1 - 30 November 1958
 - a. Missions scheduled 120
 - b. Missions airborne 113
 - c. Missions completed 106
 - d. Effective hours scheduled 1923:40
 - e. Effective hours realized 1853:24
 - f. Effectiveness 96.3
 - g. No accidents or incidents.
- 3. It is requested that the above information be submitted for the President's briefing book.

* Enclosure to J.C.S. 2019/343

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