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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FOR COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS  
AND INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Decisions of the Nuclear Posture  
Review (NPR) (U)

~~(S)~~ The President has approved DoD's Nuclear Posture Review  
recommendations <sup>(b)(1)</sup>

<sup>(b)(1)</sup> This memorandum provides guidance for DoD implementation of the  
NPR decisions.

~~(S)~~ <sup>(b)(1)</sup>

<sup>(b)(1)</sup> The  
following guidance is consistent with the NPR theme of leading and hedging:  
providing leadership for continuing reductions in nuclear weapons and the benefit of  
the savings that would be achieved thereby, while hedging against the reversal of  
reform in Russia and other Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

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Actions:

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SSBNs

- (U) Implementation of the following SSBN actions will be consistent with USSTRATCOM's warhead requirements.
- (S) The SSBN force structure shall consist of 14 Trident submarines (rather than 18 previously planned), all equipped with the D-5 missile system. To reach this SSBN force level, four [REDACTED] Trident C-4 SSBNs will be converted (backfitted) to D-5 capability [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Backfits will be conducted with the first beginning no later than the start of FY 2000 and the last beginning no later than the start of FY 2005.

- C-4 SLBM operational support shall be extended such that the C-4 strategic weapon system remains operational on all C-4 SSBNs until they begin backfit [REDACTED]
- SLBMs on the 14 SSBNs to be retained will be downloaded within the limit of 1750 SLBM warheads accountable under START II by 31 December, 2002.

[REDACTED]

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- Two SSBN bases will be retained (i.e., Kings Bay and Bangor).

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ICBMs

- (U) Implementation of the following ICBM actions will be consistent with USSTRATCOM's warhead requirements.
- ~~(S)~~ The Peacekeeper system will be rendered as not accountable under START counting rules by 31 December, 2002.

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- ~~(S)~~ Three wings of Minuteman IIIs (500 operational missiles) will be retained with each Minuteman III accountable as having a single reentry vehicle under START II counting rules by 31 December, 2002.
- Minuteman III deactivation and silo elimination will be conducted in a manner as to ensure there is no period in which we have fewer than 500 accountable Minuteman III missiles.

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Heavy Bombers

- (U) Implementation of the following heavy bomber actions will be consistent with USSTRATCOM's warhead requirements.
- ~~(S)~~ The force structure shall consist of 66 B-52H aircraft in the total active inventory (rather than the 94 currently possessed) and will remain dual capable.
  - Each of these 66 B-52H aircraft must maintain the capability to (b)(1) ACMs/ALCMs.
  - Any B-52Hs above the 66 mentioned above must be removed from accountability under START II counting rules by 31 December, 2002.
  - These aircraft will be equipped with nuclear weapons on a schedule and in a manner consistent with START II Treaty provisions.
- ~~(S)~~ 20 B-2 aircraft in the total active inventory will be dual capable.
  - Each of these 20 B-2s must be certified to (b)(1)
  - These aircraft will be equipped with nuclear weapons on a schedule and in a manner consistent with START II Treaty provisions.


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Strategic Weapons

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~~(S)~~ Non-strategic Nuclear Forces:

- (U) There is no longer a requirement for nuclear weapons capability of naval aircraft and surface ships and such capabilities as currently exist should be terminated immediately.
- (U) Nuclear weapons capability for SSNs (TLAM/N) will be maintained.
- ~~(S)~~ 
- (U) Nuclear capability for European and CONUS-based dual capable aircraft will be maintained.
- (U) Five squadrons of CONUS-based dual capable aircraft will be maintained.
- ~~(S)~~ The US nuclear commitment to NATO will continue, including deployment of warheads as agreed to by the NATO member nations.
- (U) Existing programs to improve weapons storage sites will be continued.

~~(S)~~ Command, control, communication, intelligence, and operations

• (S) <sup>(D)</sup> [Redacted]

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- ~~(S)~~ (b)(1) [Redacted]

(b)(1) [Redacted]

- (U) The NC3IR will consider how nuclear command and control should evolve to best support the guidance provided by this memorandum and make appropriate recommendations to me. The NC3IR will produce an acquisition plan that sets forth the evolution from the current nuclear C3I architecture to the objective nuclear C3I architecture. In support of the conclusions of the NPR, the NC3IR will also conduct a comprehensive review of the ground command center architecture.

(U) Infrastructure

- (U) (b)(2) [Redacted]
- (U) Continue D-5 missile production to support 14 Trident SSBNs outfitted with those missiles, including necessary spares and test assets.
- (U) USD(A&T) will oversee service programs which maintain the technical skills to sustain and produce ballistic missile guidance systems, reentry vehicles and reentry bodies. These programs will be closely coordinated to avoid unnecessary duplication and obtain synergistic cost savings. When combined, these programs will maintain the minimum essential guidance, reentry vehicle and reentry body technical skills required to respond to ICBM and SLBM operational needs.



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(U) Safety, Security and Use Control

- (U) The following actions will be completed as soon as possible, but no later than FY 2003:



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