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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, WEAPONS SYSTEMS EVALUATION GROUP

Subject: WSEG Report 154: Strategic Weapon Systems Study 1975-1981, Phase I--Strategic Force Options for the Late Nineteen Seventies

1. On 8 February 1970, the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the comments in the Appendix hereto for inclusion as the preface to Volume I: Main Paper of WSEG Report 154. It is requested that these comments be transmitted to the holders of WSEG Report 154 and accompany any additional distribution of the report.

2. Without attachment, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

J. K. Bratton
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Brigadier General, USA
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APPENDIX

COMMENTS BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ON WSEG REPORT 154

1. (U) The Joint Chiefs of Staff have noted this report and regard it as a source of background information for strategic force objectives planning and for further study of strategic concepts and weapon systems.

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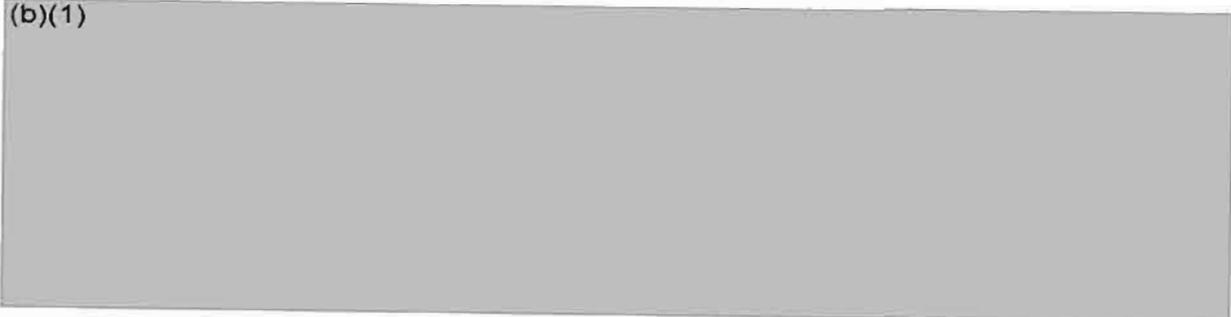


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e. The topical studies supporting Volume I do not include consideration of several potentially effective alternatives for the improvement of strategic forces.

3. ~~(C)~~ In view of the above considerations, the reader is advised to regard WSEG Report 154 as a part of the growing body of literature relative to strategic force structuring and to evaluate the underlying assumptions, the analysis, and the conclusions of the study in that context.

4. (U) Force costs have been obtained from the proponent Services. No analysis of system cost effectiveness has been attempted.

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September 24, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR STRATWEPS PROJECT MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Follow-on Study

For your information, the attached is a copy of the latest draft of the proposed directive.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, WEAPONS SYSTEMS EVALUATION GROUP

Subject: Flexible Response Alternatives 1975-1982 (U)

1. (U) Reference is made to:

a. CM-2384-67,* dated 1 June 1967, which is a statement of continuing requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG) study and analytical support to the Joint Strategic Planning System.

b. SM-92-70,** dated 12 February 1970, subject: "Strategic Weapon Systems Study 1975-1981 (U)," which was a tasking directive to WSEG for a study of US strategic force effectiveness in the period extending through 1981.

c. WSEG Report 166,*** dated 4 August 1971, subject: "Strategic Weapon Systems Study 1975-1981 (U)," which was the final report prepared in response to reference lb.

2. ~~(S)~~ Background. Reference lb noted a potential requirement to examine the US capability to deter or respond to less-than-all-out nuclear attacks. President Nixon has stated that "we must insure that we have the forces and procedures that provide us with alternatives appropriate to the nature and the level of the provocation." US objectives, force capabilities, and requirements to achieve these capabilities, should be considered for possible inclusion in the Joint Strategic Objectives Plan.

3. ~~(S)~~ Study Request. The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that WSEG evaluate flexible response alternatives by examination of US force capabilities and requirements to deter or respond to less-than-all-out nuclear attacks against the United States, and consideration of US capabilities to conduct general nuclear warfare following initiation of conventional or limited nuclear conflict. The study should address US force effectiveness against a range of Soviet and PRC threats to the United States in the FY 1975 and FY 1982 time frame.

*Attachment to JCS 2089/29
**Enclosure A to JCS 2012/411
*** (1) Attachment to JCS 2012/411-7
(2) Attachment to JCS 2012/411-8

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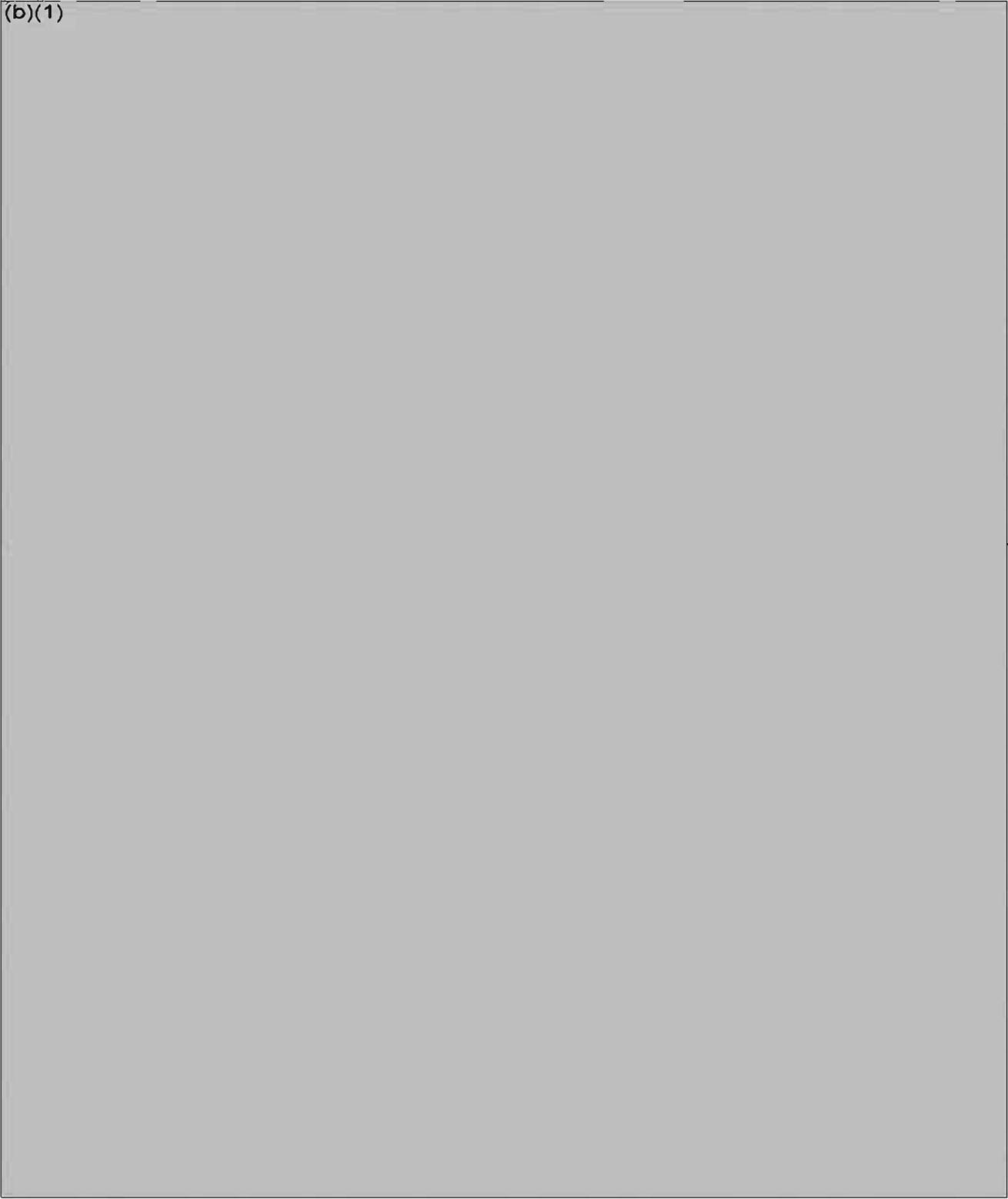
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4. ~~(19)~~ Study Tasks. The Joint Chiefs of Staff require specific consideration of the following:

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6. (U) Users of the Study. Data from this study are intended for use primarily by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Services for mid-range planning.

7. (U) Study Schedule. The study will be geared to the development of JSOP FY 1975-1982. An informal briefing of the proposed study plan and basic assumptions should be provided by WSEG not later than 15 December 1971. The study program should include a formal report to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by 1 August 1972 for use in the preparation of Volume II, JSOP FY 1975-1982. It is expected that the scope of this effort will require further analyses and investigations beyond those feasible by 1 August 1972. The report will therefore highlight these areas as a basis for a follow-on study.

8. (U) Coordination and Consultation with Military Agencies. To insure understanding of the requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to coordinate questions on assumptions, objectives, strategy, and criteria, close liaison with the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should be maintained throughout the study. Consultation with the Services, commanders of appropriate unified and specified commands, and the Joint Continental Defense Systems Integration Planning Staff will also be required.

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