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NATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTIVE 48

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for
FY 1990 and FY 1991 (U)

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to deploy nuclear weapons during FY 1990 and FY 1991 as indicated in Tables 1 and 2, subject to future policy and programming decisions. Deployment figures are end-fiscal-year levels and are to be achieved in an orderly manner consistent with operational requirements. (U)

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b. Subject to the specified conditions, the conditional authorizations in Table 3 are approved. Those that support SACEUR's Nuclear Weapons Requirements Study 1991-1998 (NWRs-88) are approved for implementation by the Secretary of Defense, subject to Department of State coordination. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, is authorized to implement conditional

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(a) + (d)

[REDACTED]

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will be apprised of the implementation of these authorizations as soon as possible. For all other conditional authorizations in Table 3, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will be apprised of the politico-military and foreign policy implications when these conditional authorizations are scheduled for implementation. (S)

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c. [REDACTED] (S)

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d. [REDACTED] (S)

Any other changes to the approved deployment levels must be coordinated between the Departments of State and Defense, then submitted to me for approval. (S)

The following additional policies govern nuclear weapon deployments:

a. The support of non-U.S. forces will be in accordance with the levels listed in Table 4. (U)

b. [REDACTED] (S)

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(1) Desired changes in the levels of support provided to non-U.S. forces are to be proposed, to the maximum extent practical, in the context of the annual Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization request. Extraordinary requests are to be submitted in accordance with PD/NSC-47. (U)

(2) In the event of unexpected delays in scheduled adjustments to the levels of support provided to non-U.S. forces, weapons may be deployed up to the previous year's levels provided the approved deployment levels in Tables 1 and 2 are not exceeded. (U)

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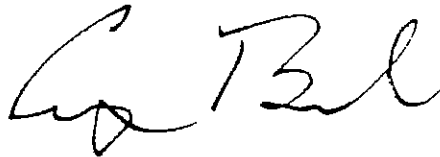
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d. This directive supersedes NSD-38, "Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1990 and FY 1991." (S)

e. The proposed Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1991 and FY 1992 should be submitted for Presidential approval not later than 15 days after the FY 1991 through FY 1996 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan is approved. (U)



Attachments
As stated

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APPENDIX A

- Table 1 Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization by Location and Supported Force
- Table 2 Nuclear Weapon Deployment Authorization by Region and Category
- Table 3 Conditional Nuclear Weapon Deployment Authorizations
- Table 4 Authorized Program of Cooperation for Nuclear Support of Non-US Forces