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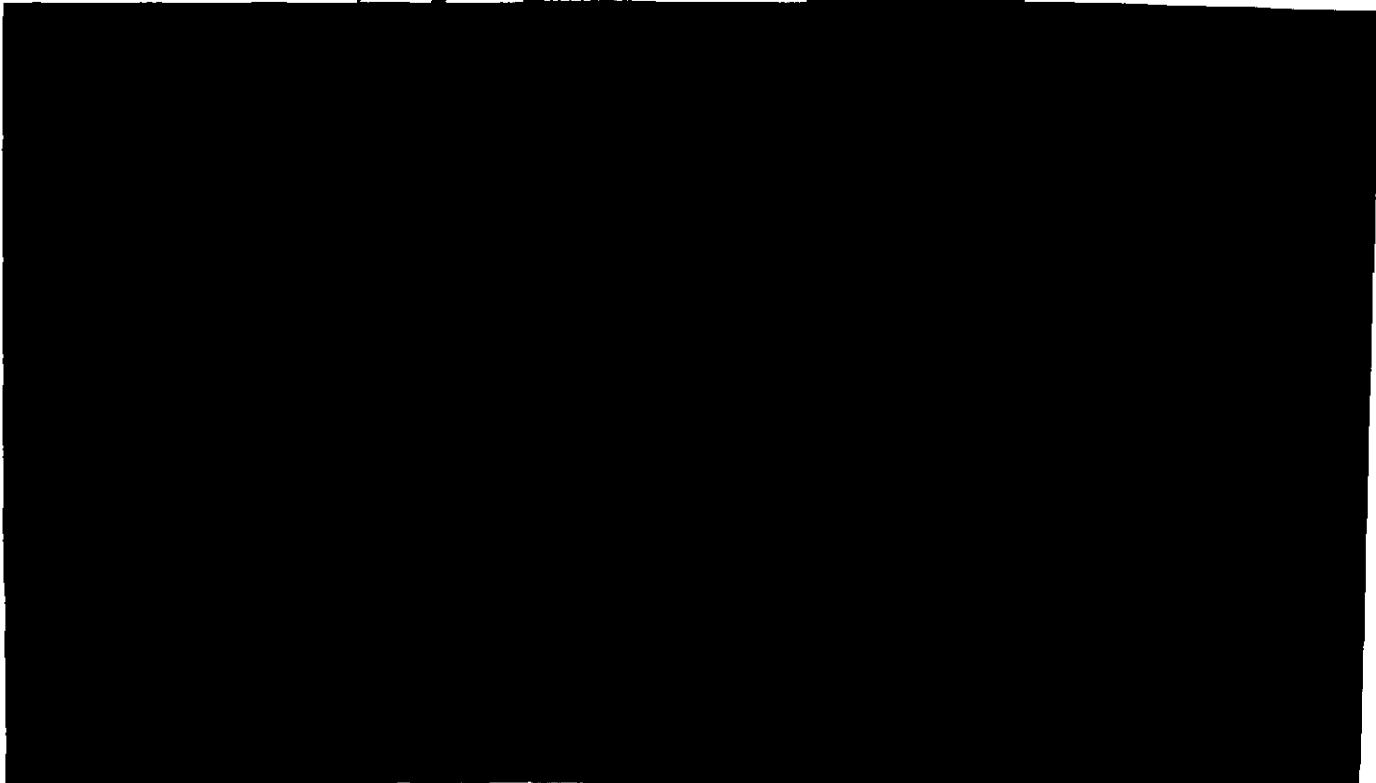
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for
FY 1992 and FY 1993 (U)

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to deploy nuclear weapons during FY 1992 and FY 1993 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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2.

3. The following additional policies govern nuclear weapons deployments:

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

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c. During retrograde operations from outside the continental United States, unexpected delays could occur in scheduled reductions to authorized deployment levels. In such instances, when reduced levels cannot be achieved by fiscal year end, weapons may be deployed up to the previous year's level as specified in Tables 1 and 2, and the planned fiscal year retrograde may be completed in the subsequent fiscal year. If this exception is invoked, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will be advised by the Secretary of Defense. (U)

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d. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. The proposed Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1993 and FY 1994 should be submitted for my approval not later than June 1, 1993. (U)

Attachments

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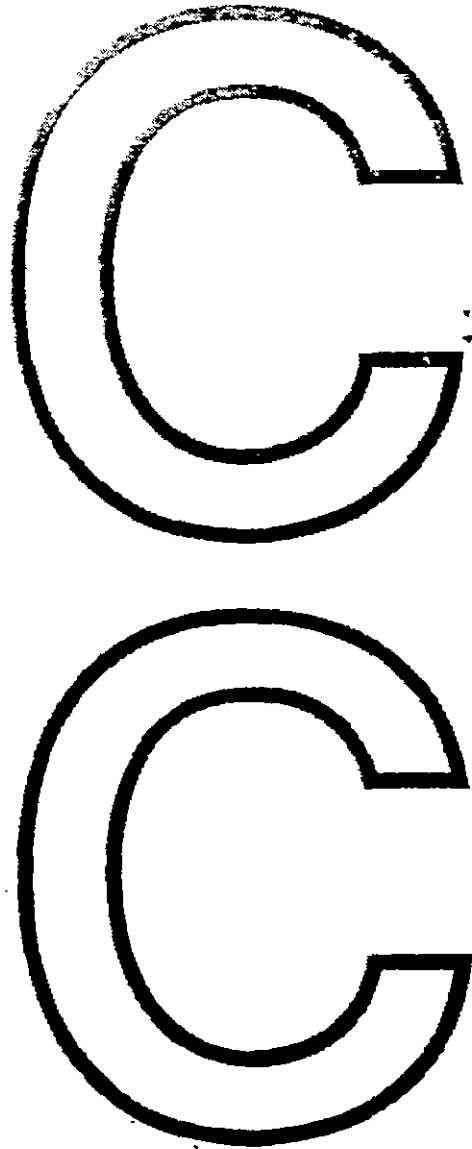
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APPENDIX A

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TABLE 1

NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION BY LOCATION AND SUPPORTED FORCE (U)

FY 1992 Authorizations

FY 1993 Authorizations

Support of Support of
US Forces Non-US Forces Total

Support of Support of
US Forces Non-US Forces Total

EUROPE



Warhead Total
Outside US

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TABLE 2

NUCLEAR WEAPON DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION BY REGION AND CATEGORY (U)

<u>FY 1992 Authorizations</u>			<u>FY 1993 Authorizations</u>		
Strategic	Tactical		Strategic	Tactical	
<u>Offensive</u>	<u>Offensive</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offensive</u>	<u>Offensive</u>	<u>Total</u>

REGION



Grand
Total

- * May not vary by more than plus or minus 10 percent (not to exceed plus or minus 60 weapons) without Presidential approval.
- ** May not exceed plus 10% (not to exceed plus 60 weapons) without Presidential approval, no minimum level applies.

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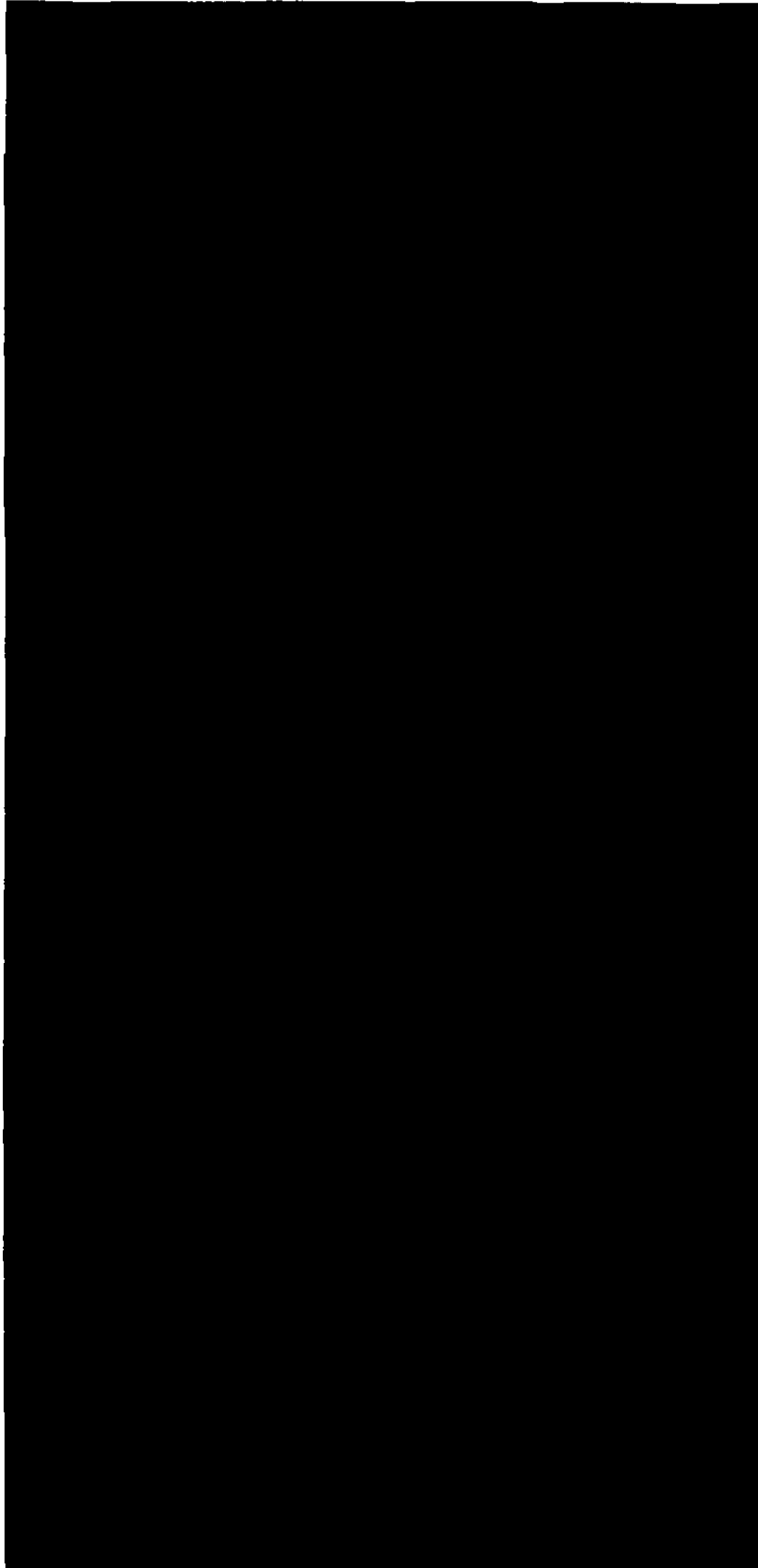
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TABLE 3
CONDITIONAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS (U)

Part I. Support of US Forces in Peacetime

Country of Unit/Storage Type Weapon	AUTHORIZED DEPLOYMENT		CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION		TOTAL	Condition		
	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1992	FY 1993				
	COMO #	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1992	FY 1993	Condition



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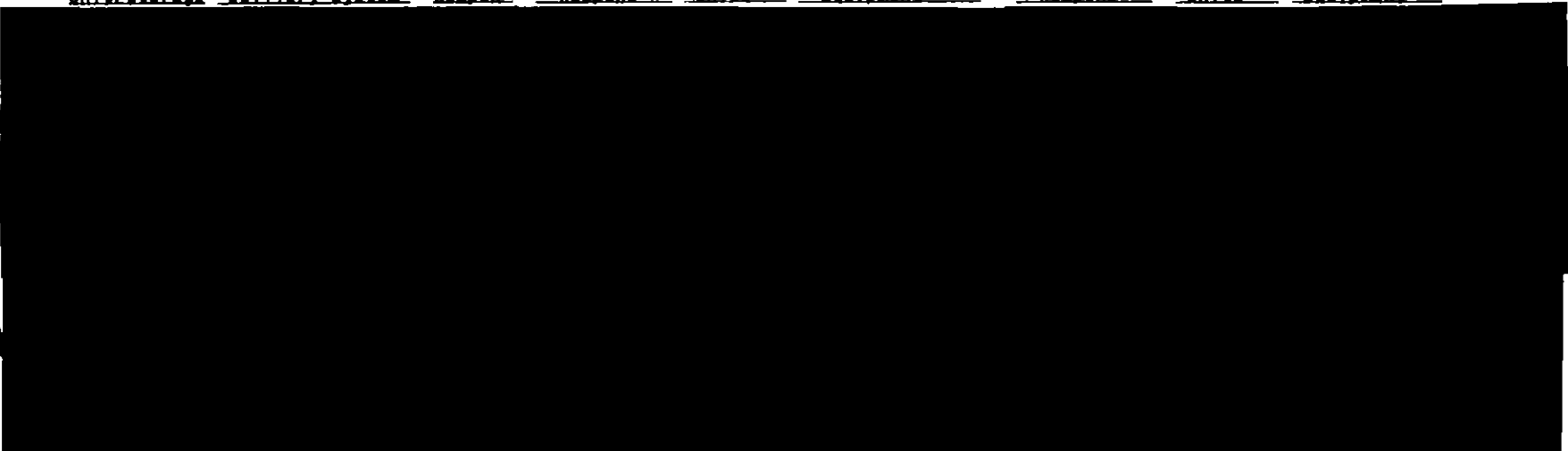
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TABLE 4. (U) AUTHORIZED PROGRAM OF COOPERATION FOR NUCLEAR SUPPORT OF NON-US FORCES
(INCLUDES UNCONDITIONAL AND CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS)

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Country of Unit/Storage	Delivery System	Type Weapon	FY 1992			FY 1993		
			Authorized ^{1/} Weapons	Units	Support Unit ^{2/} Equipment	Authorized ^{1/} Weapons	Units	Support Unit ^{2/} Equipment



1/ The second number in the authorized column reflects a conditional deployment from Table 3 and is indicated with "(c)."
 2/ Levels reflect authorized deployments during the fiscal year.
 3/ Maximum yield [redacted]

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Appendix A