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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE ON
FY 1983-1987 NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE

I approve the proposed Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan dated January 27, 1982 for the fiscal years 1982 through 1987. The stockpile levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded, except as provided below or otherwise approved by me.

For the period FY 1982-1987, the following are authorized:

1. The production and retirement of those quantities of nuclear warheads and nuclear warhead parts necessary to achieve and maintain the approved stockpile, as well as produce additional parts of nuclear weapons necessary for transfer to the United Kingdom pursuant to the Agreement of Cooperation.
2. DOE may produce and transfer to DOD parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear materials, as may be agreed by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons, training programs, research and development, and production. Additionally, DOE may temporarily transfer parts or test units containing fissile materials or plutonium power supplies for development and flight testing programs.
3. DOE, in coordination with DOD, shall make such changes in the production and/or retirement of nuclear warheads during FY 1982-1987 as may be necessary to accommodate changes in DOE materiel availabilities, production/retirement capabilities, or quality assurance requirements; or as necessary to accommodate changes required by DOD because of adjustments in military requirements or delivery assets, provided the changes do not exceed plus or minus 10 percent in each year in strategic offensive, strategic defensive, tactical, or fleet warhead totals. Any such changes which indicate a significant shift in defense requirements for DOE production capabilities will be submitted to me for approval.

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4. DOD may designate as retired and, in coordination with DOE may retain custody of nuclear warheads for a period of up to 18 months from the designation date, if necessary to reduce DOE requirements for weapons storage during periods of high production workload at DOE assembly facilities.

As a matter of policy, national security requirements, not physical constraints on SNM availability and weapons fabrication capacity, shall be the limiting factor in nuclear force structure. To this end, DOE shall:

1. Assure the capability to meet current and projected needs for nuclear materials and undertake to define the necessary material and production facilities for the 1990's.

2. Request from OMB the necessary funding to meet these nuclear material requirements.

3. With DOD, recommend to me initial operational capability dates and supporting funding levels which are compatible, for the B83, W82, and MX warheads.

4. Establish, to the extent feasible, a contingency reserve of plutonium above annual weapons requirements sufficient to support approximately one year of new weapon production. The DOE will advise the DOD whenever such a reserve is not available.

The FY 1988-1992 Stockpile Projection which was submitted with the Stockpile Plan has been noted; it should be updated to reflect policy and programming decisions and used as the point of departure for the development of future stockpile plans. The next Stockpile Plan should be submitted by August 31, 1982. It should focus on the budget year (FY 1984) but should include a summary of FY 1983 with the Stockpile Plan submission (FY 1984-1988). A projection through an additional ten year planning period should also be provided.

This directive supersedes PD/NSC-61, dated October 24, 1980.