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*National Security Decision*  
*Directive Number 9*

NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION  
FOR FY 1982 AND FY 1983

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to deploy nuclear weapons during FY 1982 and FY 1983 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.

- Where necessary for prudent management, actual deployments may vary up to plus or minus 10 percent (up to a maximum of 60 weapons) from the total authorizations by country, region, and afloat (Table 1) or by category for each region, and afloat (Table 2) --whichever is more restrictive--except:

(1) Where substantial changes in deployments are scheduled to occur between fiscal years, in which case the 10 percent/60 maximum rule will apply after the new deployment level is reached, but not later than the end of each fiscal year.

(2) For nuclear weapons on Guam or afloat, where the plus 10 percent/60 percent maximum ceiling holds, but no minimum deployment level is required.

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- The conditional authorizations in Table 3 are approved, subject to the specified conditions being met.

- In the event that conditional authorizations scheduled for implementation prior to end of fiscal year, are not executed, or are executed in part, such authorizations will be retained in the conditional category for the next fiscal year.

[REDACTED]

1.4(d)  
6.2(c)

Any other contemplated changes to the approved deployment levels must be coordinated between the Departments of State and Defense and submitted to the President for approval.

The following additional policies govern nuclear weapons deployments:

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1.4(d)  
6.2(a)

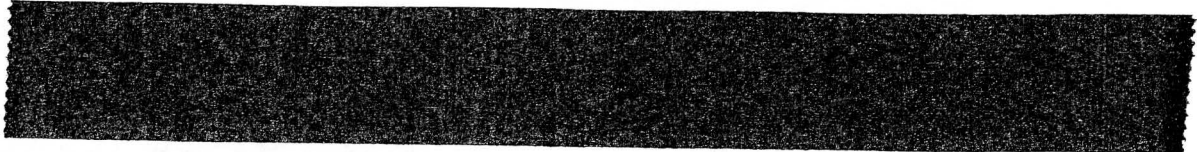
- The support of non-US forces will be in accordance with the program of cooperation (POC) levels listed in Table 4.

o Custodial arrangements are to be complete and units and facilities are to be certified and have US unilateral communications to the supporting US custodial detachment prior to the deployment of weapons in support of non-US forces. Pending fulfillment of these conditions, these weapons may be deployed in support of US forces, subject to the other restrictions in this directive.

(1) Desired changes in current POCs and new POCs are to be proposed in the context of the annual Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization request to the maximum extent practical. Out-of-cycle requests will be submitted in accordance with PD/NSC-47.

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



1.4(A)  
6.4a)

This directive supersedes PD/NSC-60, Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1980 and FY 1981.

The proposed Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1983 and FY 1984 should be submitted in July 1982 for Presidential approval.

*Ronald Reagan*

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