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Presidential Directive/NSC-26

TO: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Secretary of Energy
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: FY 1978-1980 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan (U)

The proposed FY 1978-80 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan is authorized subject to: (1) removal of the Tomahawk SLCM W80-0 warhead from the plan. However, this warhead should be appropriately reflected in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile projection starting in 1982; and (2) future policy and programming decisions. The stockpile levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded except as provided below or otherwise approved by the President.

For the period FY 1978-80, the following is authorized:



-- DOE, in coordination with DOD, to initiate production of such long lead-time nuclear warhead parts as may be necessary to prepare for FY 1981-82 production of warheads required to support approved DOD forces. This would include the Tomahawk SLCM W80-0 warhead.

-- DOE to produce and transfer to DOD parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear material, as may be agreed by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons, training programs, research and development, and production.

-- DOE, in coordination with DOD, to make such changes in the production and/or retirement of nuclear warheads during FY 1978-80 as may be necessary to reflect changes in DOE materiel availabilities, production/retirement capabilities, or quality assurance requirements; or as necessary to reflect changes as may be required by DOD because of adjustments in military requirements or delivery assets, provided the changes [redacted] in strategic offensive, strategic defensive, tactical, or fleet warhead totals. (Any such changes which indicate a significant shift in

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defense requirements or DOE production capabilities will be submitted to the President for approval.)

-- DOD to designate as retired and, in coordination with DOE, [redacted] from the designation date if necessary to reduce DOE requirements for weapons storage during periods of high production workload at DOE assembly facilities.

-- DOE to maintain [redacted] annual weapon requirements to provide a contingency reserve. (The continuing need for this reserve should be reviewed in depth during FY 1978, and a recommendation as to its disposition should accompany next year's Stockpile Plan approval request.)

The FY 1981-1985 Stockpile Projection which was submitted with the FY 1978-1980 Stockpile Plan has been noted; it should be updated to reflect policy and programming decisions as they occur, and used as the point of departure for the development of future Stockpile Plans. The FY 1979-1981 Stockpile Plan approval request and FY 1982-1986 Stockpile Projection should be submitted during May 1978.

This directive supersedes NSDM 341, dated November 24, 1976.

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