Presidential Directive/NSC-33

TO: The Secretary of State
    The Secretary of Defense
    The Director, Office of Management and Budget
    The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
    The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
    The Director of Central Intelligence
    The Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space
    Administration
    The Director, Office of Science and Technology
    Policy

SUBJECT: Arms Control for Anti-satellite (ASAT) Systems (C)

Reference is made to National Security Advisor memorandum,
dated September 23, 1977, subject as above.

I direct removal of the restriction, cited in the reference
memorandum, on operational or space based testing. The
Secretary of Defense is authorized to pursue, for planning
purposes, a U.S. ASAT development program encompassing that
testing in space or against U.S. objects in space deemed
essential to achieve an ASAT capability.

Our future dialogue with the Soviets on Space Arms Control
should indicate that we intend to seek an ASAT capability
as soon as possible unless they are willing to take very
positive actions to preclude such a move on our part.

All other elements of the referenced memorandum remain in
effect at this time.