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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 305

TO: The Secretary of State  
 The Secretary of Defense  
 The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

The President has noted the request for nuclear weapons dispersal authorization for FY 1964 contained in the Department of Defense memorandum dated March 26, 1964, and has taken the following actions in connection therewith:

1. The Atomic Energy Commission is authorized to:

a. Transfer to the Department of Defense, on call by the Secretary of Defense or his designee, sufficient numbers of separable nuclear components and complete atomic weapons to provide in Department of Defense custody as of June 30, 1964, [REDACTED] separable nuclear components and complete atomic weapons and up to [REDACTED] non-nuclear components of capsule-type weapons;

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 (b)(3)  
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b. Retain, as actual AEC production permits, the balance of the authorized FY 1964 stockpile not authorized for Department of Defense custody, in the custody of the Atomic Energy Commission as JCS reserve weapons, except this quantity may be further reduced on a one-for-one basis, but [REDACTED] weapons to replace the weapons recalled by the Atomic Energy Commission to support modernization, quality assurance and retirement programs;

(b)(1)  
 (b)(3)

c. Replace, on a one-for-one basis to the extent practicable, any nuclear components, complete atomic weapons, or non-nuclear components in the Department of Defense custody which become irretrievably lost or damaged beyond repair.

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By [Signature], NARA, Date 6-29-93

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2. The Department of Defense is authorized to:

a. Obtain custody of [redacted] separable nuclear components and complete atomic weapons and up to [redacted] non-nuclear components of capsule-type weapons;

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b. Disperse atomic weapons in the United States without limit providing the total number of nuclear components and complete atomic weapons in Department of Defense custody does not exceed that authorized in paragraph 2a above;

c. Disperse to areas outside the United States in support of U. S. forces in accordance with the area totals shown in the representative FY 1964 dispersal plan contained in Appendix A attached to the memorandum for the President dated March 26, 1964, with the provision that the total for each line item may be exceeded by no more than [redacted] in the event of unforeseen contingencies, and provided the grand total dispersed outside the U. S. (areas under foreign sovereignty and areas under full U. S. control other than the U. S.) [redacted] Such dispersals, as applicable, will be subject to yield restriction outlined in NSAM 143 and the policy with regard to Permissive Action Link (F/L) devices contained in NSAM 160;

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d. Disperse nuclear weapons and provide nuclear weapon support to non-U. S. forces in accordance with the current authority as tabulated in column "Non-U. S. Forces -- Authorized FY 1962-63" (Column D) of Appendix B attached to the memorandum for the President dated March 26, 1964. The nuclear weapons dispersals tabulated in column "Non-U. S. Forces--Proposed FY 1964" (Column E) of Appendix B are for planning purposes and authority for additional dispersals for the support of non-U. S. forces, over and above those currently approved, will be requested on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the provisions of NSAM 143 and NSAM 197.

3. In order to place the Dispersal Program in phase with corresponding approved stockpile compositions, the Secretary of Defense is requested to submit a FY 1965 Dispersal Plan in time for approval as soon as practicable. Subsequent Dispersal Plans will be submitted prior to the beginning of the fiscal year to which they pertain.

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