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November 18, 1982

National Security Decision
Directive Number 68

FY 1983-1988 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile ~~(S)~~

I approve the proposed Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan dated October 19, 1982, for the fiscal years 1983 through 1988. The stockpile levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded, except as provided below or otherwise approved by me. ~~(S)~~

For the period FY 1983-1988, the following are authorized:

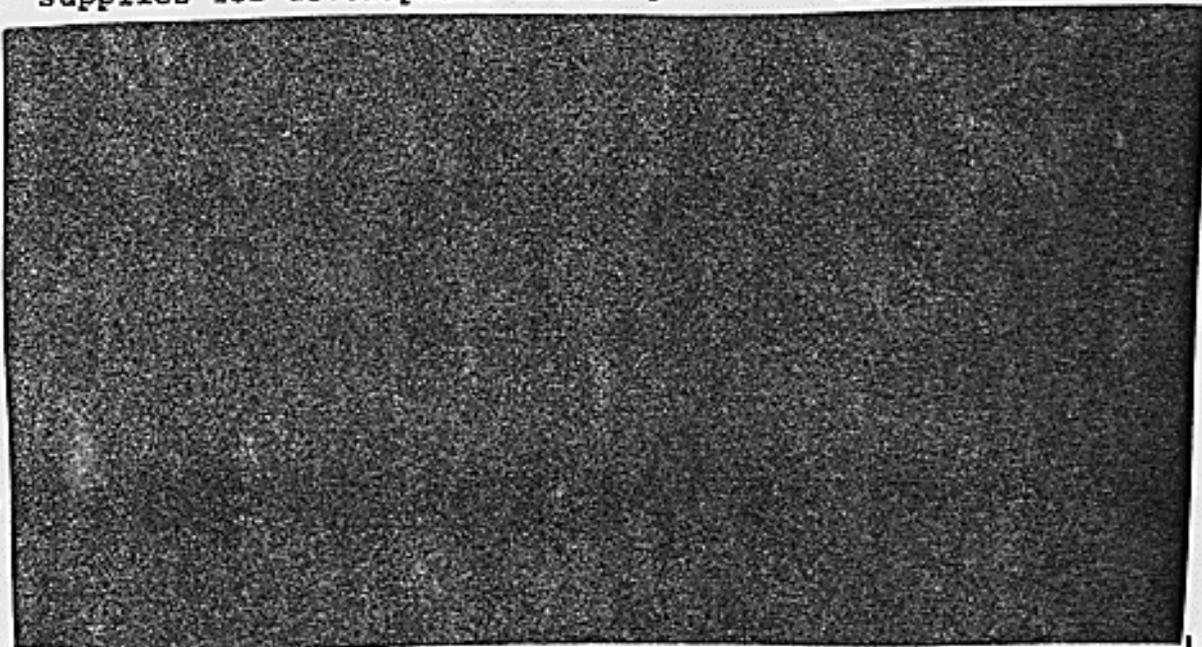
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2. DOE may produce and transfer to the Department of Defense (DOD) parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear materials, as may be agreed by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons, training programs, research and development, and production. Additionally, DOE may temporarily transfer parts or test units containing fissile materials or plutonium power supplies for development and flight testing programs. ~~(S)~~

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

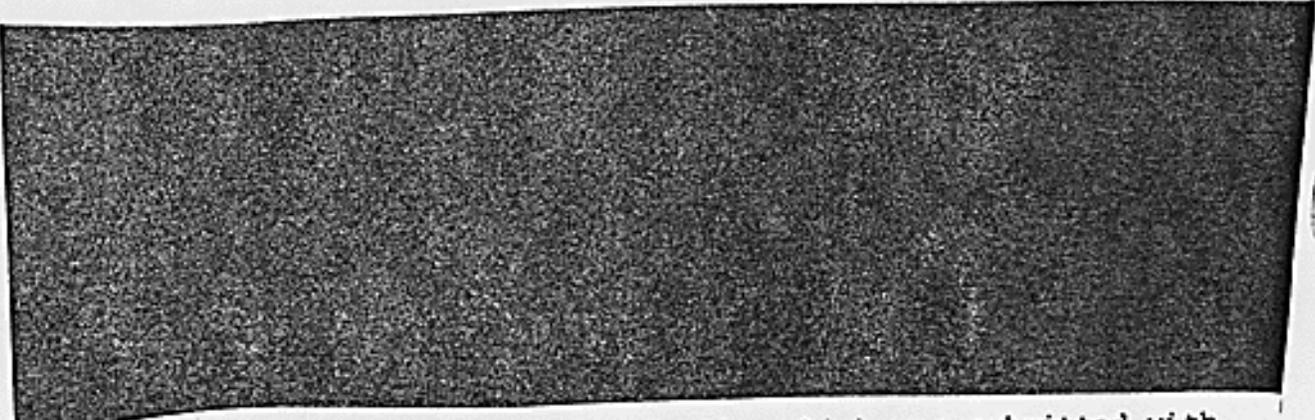
1. Assure the capability to meet current and projected needs for nuclear materials. To assure this capability, DOE shall: (a) maintain the currently operating nuclear material production facilities; (b) restart the L-reactor at the Savannah River Plant, Aiken, South Carolina, as soon as possible, but no later than October 1983; and (c) restart the PUREX chemical processing plant at Richland, Washington, as soon as possible, but no later than April 1984. DOE shall also continue to pursue the design of necessary nuclear material and weapons production facilities for the 1990s. ~~DS~~

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3. Request from OMB the necessary resources to meet these nuclear material requirements. ~~DS~~



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The FY 1989-1993 Stockpile Projection which was submitted with the Stockpile Plan has been noted for planning purposes; 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 FY 1984-FY 1989 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan should be submitted by August 31, 1983. This submission should focus on the budget year FY 1985 but should include a summary of FY 1984 with the Stockpile Plan submission (FY 1984-1989). A projection through an additional ten-year planning period should also be provided. ~~DS~~

This directive supersedes National Security Decision Directive Number 28, dated March 17, 1982. ~~DS~~

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