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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Planning Assumptions for SIOP-6A (U)

(S) I have reviewed your plans for developing SIOP-6A as contained in JCSM-212-83 and agree with the planning assumptions as proposed. In particular, the restructuring of the Selected and Basic Attack Options is an important improvement and will support more adequately the objective of escalation control while providing more effective attack options.

(S) Further, I continue to be concerned with the length of time required to bring about changes in the planning process and would like to see greater attention devoted to shortening the planning cycle. This should be done, of course, without sacrificing the quality of our planning.

(S) I look forward to receiving your proposals regarding the size and composition of the Secure Reserve Force for the SIOP-6A revision, your assessment of the utility of small SIOP attack options, and your recommendations on the role of TLAM-N and criterion for limiting collateral damage to urban areas. These inputs will play an important role in influencing the future direction of our nuclear weapons employment policy.

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