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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

After a review of the currently approved Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have recommended approval of redrafted instructions which are in simplified format and which have been updated to make them editorially compatible with the terminology employed in current plans. A copy of these updated instructions was delivered to you during your meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on March 4, 1964.

I have reviewed the redrafted instructions and have found no substantive change except the recommended inclusion of the

You will recall that the instructions currently in use were approved by President Eisenhower on December 3, 1959, and were continued in effect by President Kennedy.

Your approval of the updated instructions is requested together with your authorization to place these instructions in effect.

Robert S. McNamara

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