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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DAVID GOMPERT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF POLITICO-
MILITARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: SIOP Revision (U)

Several adjustments which will become effective October 1, 1979,
are being made to the Selected Attack Option (SAO) Structure of the
US Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). These adjustments re-
fect evolutionary refinements in our targeting which will provide
additional measures of flexibility and increase our ability to control
escalation in the event of Warsaw Pact aggression against NATO (see
attached draft message for further detail).

The JCS propose to introduce these changes into NATO military
channels by message to SACEUR and SACLANT. We believe it prudent
that the subject be introduced simultaneously in NATO political
channels. The attached draft cable to USMISSION NATO recommends
that Ambassador Bennett draw on the JCS message to inform NPG PermReps
of the adjustments being made in the US SIOP.

(U) Request State transmit the attached cable. We understand the
last meeting of NPG PermReps planned before Fall is scheduled for
June 4.

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WALTER SLOCOMBE
Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense
International Security Affairs

Attachment

cc: Mr. James Thomson - NSC

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Review on 24 May 1979

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SUBJ: REVISION OF US SINGLE INTEGRATED OPERATIONAL PLAN {U}

1. On approximately June 4, 1979 the Joint Chiefs of Staff intend to transmit to SACEUR and SACLANT the message quoted below. The JCS message is intended to introduce into NATO military channels information on the restructuring of some [redacted]. We recommend that you draw on the JCS message to advise NATO political authorities through the NPG PERMREPS of the adjustments to be made in the SIOP. JCS message follows:

   2. Quote [redacted]. JCS send. Subj: SIOP revision {U}

      1. At the April 79 Nuclear Planning Group meeting, Secretary Brown reconfirmed that US Nuclear Weapon Employment Policy continues to stress the need for US National Command Authorities to [redacted].
IN THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF REVIEWING SIOP OPTIONS, WE CONTINUE TO MAKE EVOLUTIONARY REFINEMENTS IN OUR TARGETING AND FORCE PLANNING THAT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF FLEXIBILITY TO THE SIOP AND THAT RECOGNIZE ALLIED INTERESTS AND COMPLEMENT EXISTING THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES.
4. [U] FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THESE PLANS WILL BE PROVIDED YOUR STAFF VIA THE EXISTING MILITARY LIAISON CHANNELS THROUGH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JSTPS. END QUOTE. VANCE

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Coordination of JCS Message to SACEUR/SACLANT: SIOP Revisions

Summary (Describe briefly the requirement, background and action recommended):

(U) Origin: JCS

(B) BACKGROUND: As one result of the Nuclear Targeting Policy Review, the JCS are updating the scenario to increase the flexibility of our nuclear plans and enhance the potential for controlling escalation in areas of paramount interest to NATO (see proposed message at Tab A of JCS package for details).

(P) PURPOSE: The proposed message is intended to officially introduce into NATO military channels the restructuring of... To introduce the... we propose the draft message next under be transmitted to USMISSION NATO.

(U) RECOMMENDATION: PDASD/ISA coordinate where indicated on the JCS form 9 and approve the draft message to USMISSION NATO.

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Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense
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