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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

You are hereby authorized to put into effect the attached "Instructions for Expenditure of Nuclear Weapons in Emergency Conditions", dated this date. These instructions were recommended to me by you in your memorandum of September 25, 1968. I understand that such instructions are endorsed by the Secretary of State and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I would like to receive copies of all implementing directives which the Joint Chiefs issue on the basis of the updated instructions.

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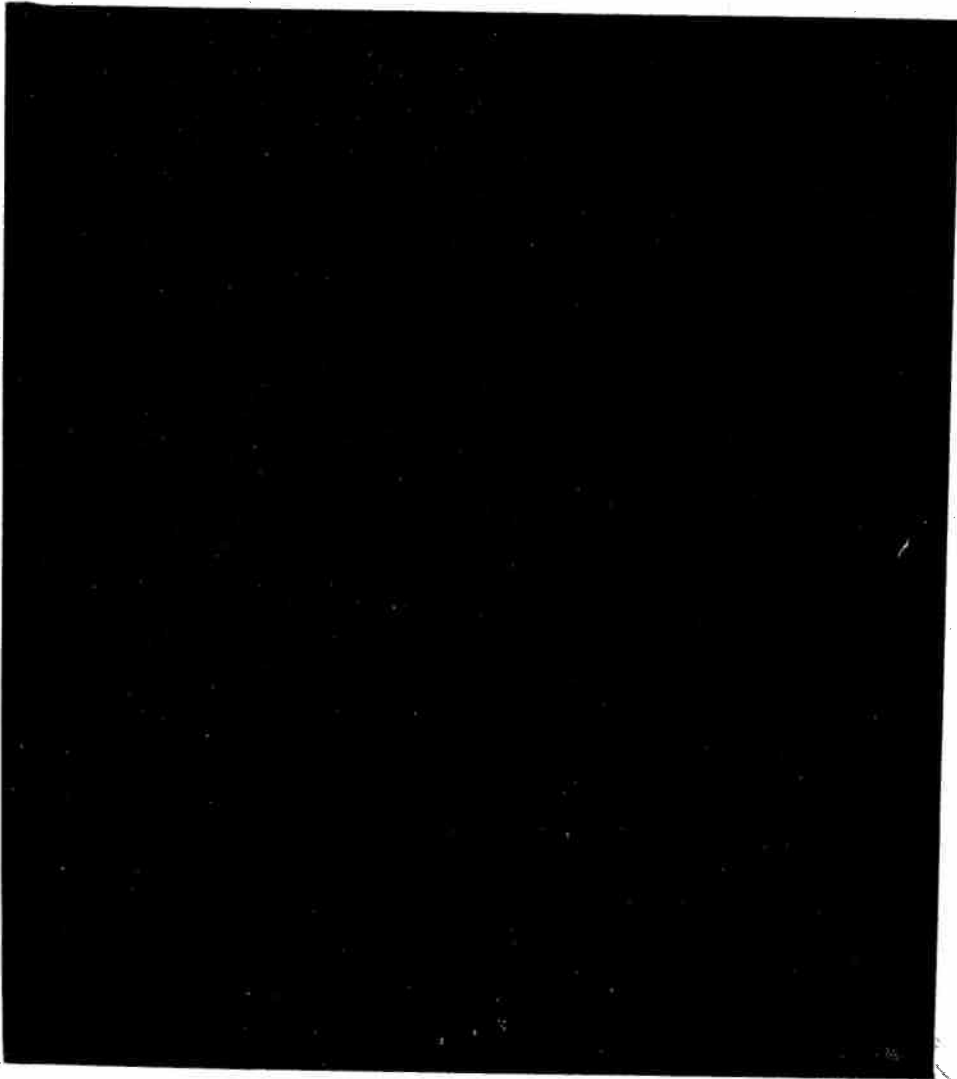
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DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are established for the purpose of these instructions:



2. Nuclear Weapons include all types of weapons and devices which release atomic energy.

3. Aerospace. Of, or pertaining to, the earth's envelope of atmosphere and the space above it; two separate entities considered as a single realm for activity in launching, guidance, and control of vehicles which will travel in both realms.



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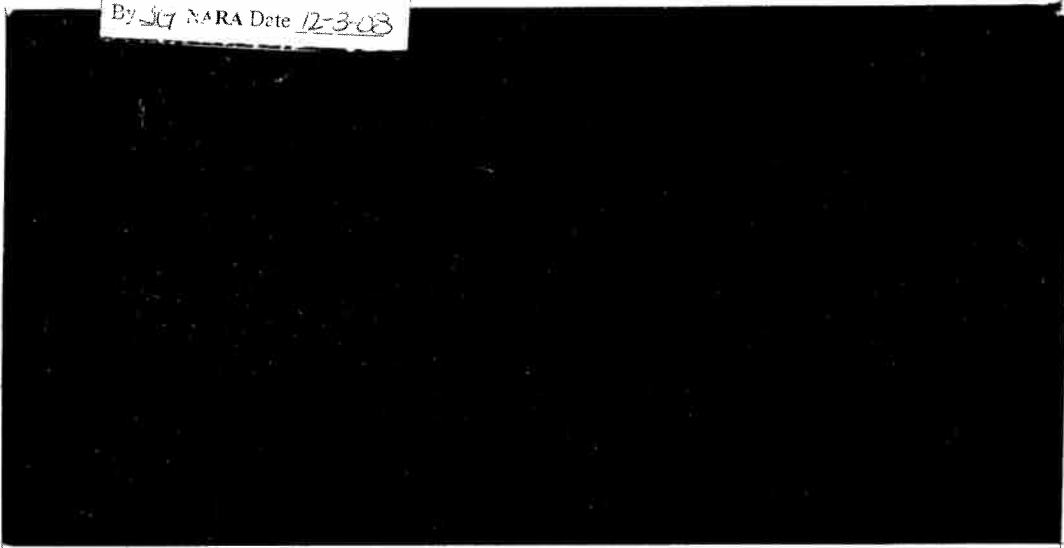
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7. Major U. S. Forces. Refers to those organized units of the U. S. military forces comprising the essential operational military strength of the United States; such as numbered field armies, fleets and air forces assigned to unified and specified commands; and joint forces, generally of the same strength, which comprise the United States military strength in a geographical area.



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