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In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DAVID GOMPERT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF POLITICO-
MILITARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: SIOP Revision (U)

~~(S)~~ 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 reflect 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).

~~(S)~~ 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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Attachment
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cc: Mr. James Thomson - NSC

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TO: USMISSION NATO

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

1. ~~(S)~~ 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]

[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 ~~TOP SECRET~~. JCS SEND. SUBJ: SIOP REVISION {U}

1. ~~(S)~~ 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]

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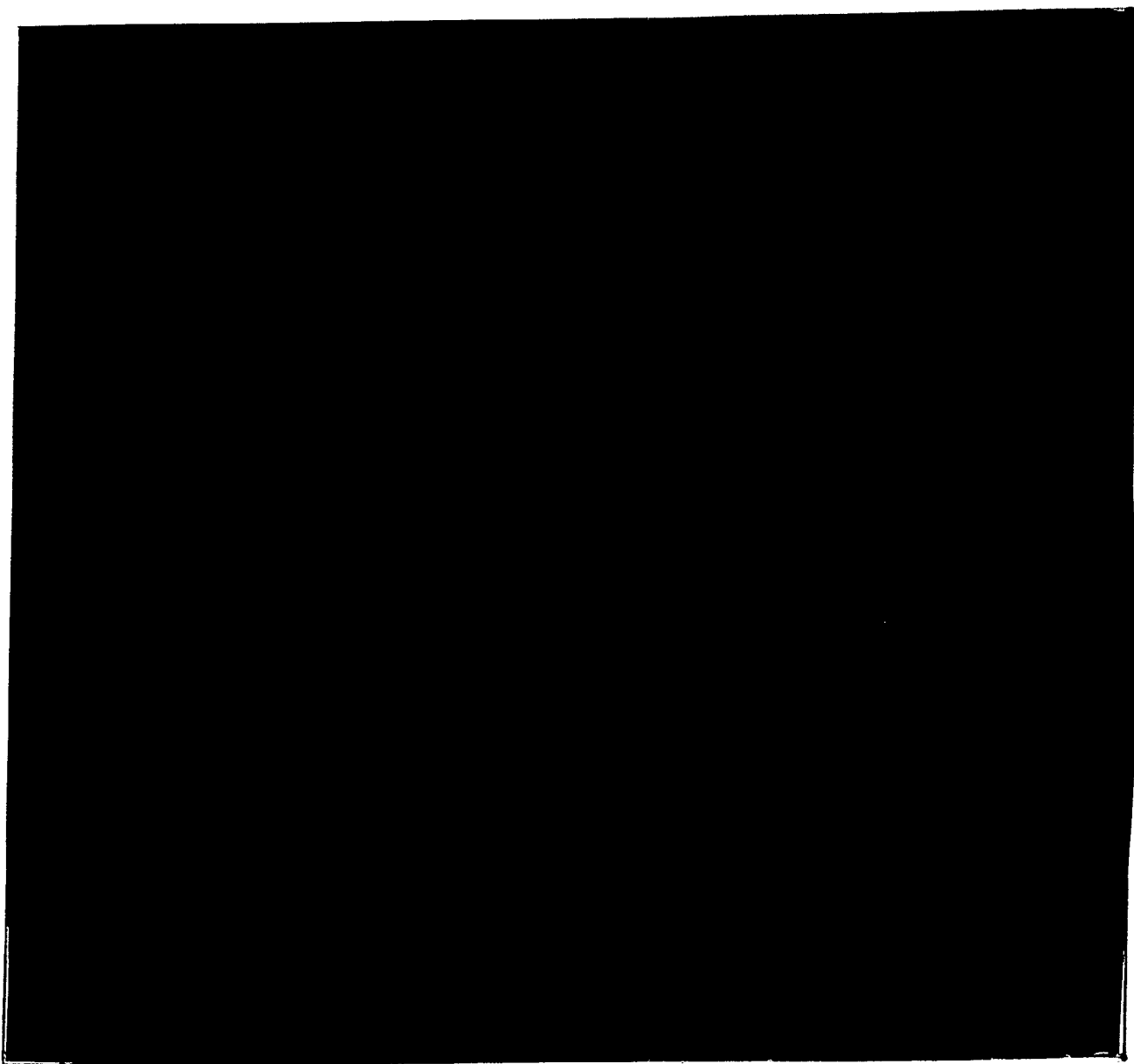
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IN THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF REVIEWING SIOP OPTIONS, WE CONTINUE TO MAKE EVOLUTIONARY REFINEMENTS IN OUR TARGETING AND FORCE PLANNING THAT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF FLEXIBILITY TO THE SIOP AND THAT RECOGNIZE ALLIED INTERESTS AND COMPLEMENT EXISTING THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES.



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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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OASD/ISA INTRAOFFICE CONTROL SHEET	DATE 29 May 1979	LOG NO. I- 35145/79
SUBJECT: Coordination of JCS Message to SACEUR/SACLANT: SIOP Revisions		CURRENT SUSPENSE DATE:

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

(U) Origin: JCS

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(S) BACKGROUND: As one result of the Nuclear Targeting Policy Review, the JCS are updating the [REDACTED] 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).

(S) PURPOSE: The proposed message is intended to officially introduce into NATO military channels the restructuring of [REDACTED]. To introduce the [REDACTED] 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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