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National Security Decision Memorandum 300

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1976
and FY 1977

I approve the Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization for FY 1976 and FY 1977 contained in the Department of Defense memorandum dated April 16, 1975, with the exception that deployment authorizations for [REDACTED] should remain at the current level until further notice.

The FY 1976-1977 authorized deployment levels by region and afloat forces are summarized as follows:

- Western Europe: [REDACTED] weapons
- Atlantic: [REDACTED] weapons
- Pacific: [REDACTED] weapons
- Afloat: [REDACTED] weapons for FY 1976 and [REDACTED] for FY 1977

The numbers of weapons authorized are year-end ceilings, with the exception of deployments for unforeseen crises and conditional deployments which are treated on a separate basis as indicated below. Actual deployments against these authorizations will be controlled by the Secretary of Defense. Any significant changes contemplated in actual overseas deployments, or any significant differences contemplated be-

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By Authority of [REDACTED] Kissinger

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tween actual and authorized deployment levels, should be coordinated between the Department of Defense and the Department of State and submitted for my approval.

I authorize the Secretary of Defense in FY 1976 and FY 1977 to:

-- Deploy nuclear weapons outside the United States up to the limits indicated in the plan.

-- Manage and alter overseas nuclear weapons stockpile quantities within the authorized limits as may be required by logistical considerations.

-- Support non-U. S. forces in accordance with the provisions contained in the plan.

The total deployment authorization for each separate foreign country or afloat forces, and the total authorization by category of weapons for each region or afloat forces, may be exceeded by no more than 10 percent in the event of unforeseen crises unless I approve otherwise.

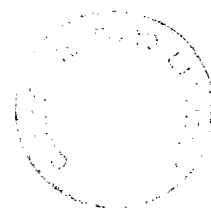
Conditional deployments may be made in accordance with the provisions in the plan, with the exception that approval of the SACEUR Reserve conditional deployment category will be held in abeyance pending receipt and review of an analysis of its political and military implications (such as the potential effect upon our allies and competing demands upon our strategic lift resources). The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of State, should prepare the analysis and submit it to me by September 1, 1975.

I approve retaining excess warheads in the NATO Guidelines Area and including these weapons in the special deployments category established last year.

Permissive Action Link (PAL) devices should continue to be maintained on all weapons deployed to NATO Europe [REDACTED]

I would like the Department of Defense to revise its deployment tables to reflect the decisions on deployment levels in this NSDM, and to submit the revised tables to me by August 1, 1975.

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The deployment authorization request for FY 1977 and FY 1978 should be submitted in February 1976 for my approval. The request should include both the plan for weapon deployments and an analysis of the rationale underlying the plan.

Ronald R. Ford

cc: The Administrator, Energy Research and Development Administration
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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