National Security Decision Memorandum 332

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Deployment Authorization for FY 1977 and FY 1978


The numbers 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 conditional authorizations will be controlled by the Secretary of Defense. Any significant changes contemplated between actual and authorized deployment levels, should be coordinated between the Department of Defense and the Department of State and submitted for the President's approval.

The Secretary of Defense in FY 1977 and FY 1978 is authorized to:

- Deploy the United States up to the limits indicated in the Plan.
- Manage and alter 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.
- Deploy on a conditional basis in accordance with the provisions in the Plan.

In addition, the following restrictions apply:

- The category for MBFR will be retained.

Due to the change in the fiscal year, the deployment authorization request for FY 1978 and FY 1979 should be submitted in May 1977 for Presidential approval. The request should include both the Plan for deployments and an analysis of its underlying rationale.

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