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National Security Decision Memorandum 341

To: The Secretary of Defense  
The Administrator, Energy Research and  
Development Administration

Subject: FY 1977-1979 [REDACTED]

The President has approved the proposed [REDACTED] plan for FY 1977-1979, subject to the modifications provided by separate Defense memoranda of September 20 and October 15, 1976.

The approved [REDACTED] levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded except as provided below or otherwise approved by the President. The ceilings and specific programs are subject to change resulting from budgetary actions and policy decisions that affect our [REDACTED] posture.

For the period FY 1977-1979, the President has authorized:

-- The production and retirement of those quantities [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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-- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or as necessary to reflect changes as may be required by DOD because of adjustments in military requirements or delivery assets, so long as the changes do not exceed 10 percent in each year in strategic offensive, strategic defensive, tactical and fleet anti-submarine/anti-air warfare [REDACTED] totals.

-- [REDACTED]

-- [REDACTED]

Any changes which indicate a significant shift in [REDACTED] requirements or [REDACTED] production capabilities will be submitted to the President for his approval.

The FY 1980-1981 [REDACTED] projection submitted with the FY 1977-1979 request was reviewed by the President. Since the FY 1980-1981 projection is for planning purposes only, he has neither approved nor disapproved the [REDACTED] levels or composition for those years. However, the extended projections are useful in developing integrated programs, and an extended planning projection should again be included with next year's [REDACTED] approval request. In order to improve the usefulness of the [REDACTED] projection, future planning projections should cover a five-year period, rather than two years as in the current plan.

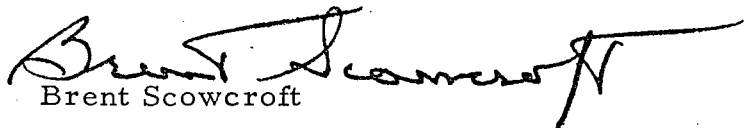
In addition, the President has directed that DOD and ERDA jointly review the adequacy of our national resources, capacities, and allocations of [REDACTED] to support anticipated [REDACTED] requirements. In view of the long lead-times associated with any expansion of our [REDACTED] production capability, the study should cover the time period through FY 1985. The study should identify any additional [REDACTED] production capabilities,



whether new, currently stand-by, or scheduled for phase-out, that would be required to satisfy anticipated [REDACTED] requirements. The study should be submitted by January 31, 1977.

[REDACTED] In view of possible ABM Treaty implications associated with development and deployment of this [REDACTED] the President has directed that Defense, in coordination with State and ACDA, undertake a study of the policy implications and utility of the [REDACTED] program, to be submitted by December 23, 1976.

The FY 1978-1980 [REDACTED] approval request and the planning projection for FY 1981-1985 should be submitted by May 1, 1977. The submission should note any additional [REDACTED] production capabilities required to satisfy the planning projection. If additional capabilities are required in the recommended planning estimate, the submission should also provide an alternative planning estimate that can be satisfied within available [REDACTED] production capabilities.

  
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