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National Security Decision Memorandum 343

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Administrator, Energy Research and
Development Administration

SUBJECT: FY 1977 Underground Nuclear Test Program
(FULCRUM)

The President has approved in principle the underground nuclear test program for FY 1977 and has specifically approved the detailed program proposed for the first half of FY 1977 (FULCRUM I), as recommended by the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. He has also approved the supplemental testing procedures and guidelines set forth in the November 29, 1976 memorandum of the Under Secretaries Committee. These procedures and guidelines, which supersede those approved in principle in NSDM 319, are intended to reduce the probability of yields in excess of 150 kt when devices are tested with design yields at or near this limit.


Brent Scowcroft

cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Chairman, NSC Under Secretaries Committee

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