NATIONAL SECURITY DIRECTIVE 71

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY


I approve the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan for the fiscal year 1992 through 1993, as presented in the attached Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan for FY 1992-FY 1997. The levels depicted for FY 1993 and beyond should be reviewed immediately, particularly in view of the further reductions in deployed strategic weapons agreed at my June 1992 meeting with President Yeltsin. Those levels may require adjustment, based on those recent arms control achievements, as well as on other changes in the international political environment, the U.S. and allied response to that evolving situation, and the capability of the nuclear weapons production complex. (S)

The stockpile levels in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan represent ceilings not to be exceeded except as provided below or otherwise approved by me. (S)

For the period FY 1992-1993, the following are authorized:

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2. DOE may produce and transfer to the Department of Defense (DOD) parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special...
nuclear materials, as may be agreed to by DOE and DOD. These parts may be used in nuclear weapons training programs, research and development, and production. Additionally, DOE may temporarily transfer parts or test units containing fissile materials or plutonium power supplies for development and flight test programs. (U)

5. The safety of nuclear weapon systems remains of paramount importance to the security of the United States. Nuclear warhead modernization programs will incorporate advanced safety features, as technically warranted and operationally feasible. Weapons lacking modern safety and security features, that are planned for extended retention, will be reviewed annually by DOD and DOE to determine if they should be included in the Stockpile Improvement Plan. (U)
8. The Stockpile Plan for FY 1994-1997, and the FY 1998-2002 Stockpile Projection which was submitted with the Stockpile Plan, have been noted for planning purposes. The FY 1993-1998 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan should be submitted no later than September 30, 1992. The FY 1999-2003 Stockpile Projection should also be included as part of the same submission. (U)

This directive supersedes National Security Directive Number 61 (July 2, 1991). (C)