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Directive Number 125

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FY 1984-1989 NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE (U)

I approve the proposed Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan for the fiscal years 1984 through 1989. The stockpile levels represent authorized ceilings, not to be exceeded, except as provided below or otherwise approved by me. (U)

For the period FY 1984-1989, the following are authorized:

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2. DOE may produce and transfer to DOD parts of nuclear weapons, not containing special nuclear materials, as may be agreed 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 testing programs. (U)

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As a matter of policy, national security requirements shall be the limiting factor in the nuclear force structure. Arbitrary constraints on nuclear materials availability and weapons fabrication capacity shall not be allowed to jeopardize attainment of the forces required to assure our defense and maintain deterrence. Accordingly, DOE shall:

1. Assure the capability to meet current and projected needs for nuclear materials. To do this, DOE shall: (a) maintain the currently operating nuclear material production facilities; (b) begin modification of the Enriched Uranium Conversion Facility at the Y-12 plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; (c) restart the L Reactor at the Savannah River Plant, Aiken, S.C., as soon as possible; and (d) restart the Purex chemical processing plant at Richland, Washington, as soon as possible. (U)

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3. Initiate design of production facilities necessary to assure an adequate supply of nuclear materials in the 1990s. (U)
4. Establish a baseline nuclear weapon production capability and capacity to assure that current and projected production requirements to maintain the nuclear force structure are met. Additionally, the DOE shall identify critical production processes and assign backup production responsibilities for these critical processes to ensure a surge and sprint production capability. (S-ERD) (u)

The FY 1990-1994 Stockpile Projection which was submitted with the Stockpile Plan has been noted for planning purposes; it should be updated to reflect policy and programming decisions and used as the point of departure for the development of future stockpile plans. The FY 1985-1990 Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Plan should be submitted by September 30, 1984. This submission should focus on the budget year FY 1986 but should include a summary of FY 1985 with the Stockpile Plan submission (FY 1985-1990). A projection through an additional ten-year planning period should also be provided. (U)

This directive supersedes National Security Decision Directive Number 68, dated November 18, 1982. (U)

*Rowland Reagan*