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The FY 1986 CHARIOTEER Nuclear Test Program (S)

Programmatic approval of the FY 1986 CHARIOTEER Nuclear Test Program proposed by the Department of Energy is granted. In implementing the CHARIOTEER program, the following guidance will apply:

-- All tests associated with CHARIOTEER will be conducted in compliance with the Limited Test Ban Treaty, with the National Environmental Policy Act, and in accordance with the existing nuclear testing limitations policy as outlined in NSDD 51.

-- The Department of Energy shall review each test with design yields near 150 kilotons to reasonably ensure that the device yield does not exceed the Threshold Test Ban Limit. (S)

Continue to coordinate public affairs activities related to the implementation of the CHARIOTEER program, as appropriate, in advance of test events. (U)

The five-year projection of nuclear tests is noted. (U)

The FY 1987 Nuclear Test Program should be provided for approval by September 1, 1986. (U)

Ronald Reagan

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